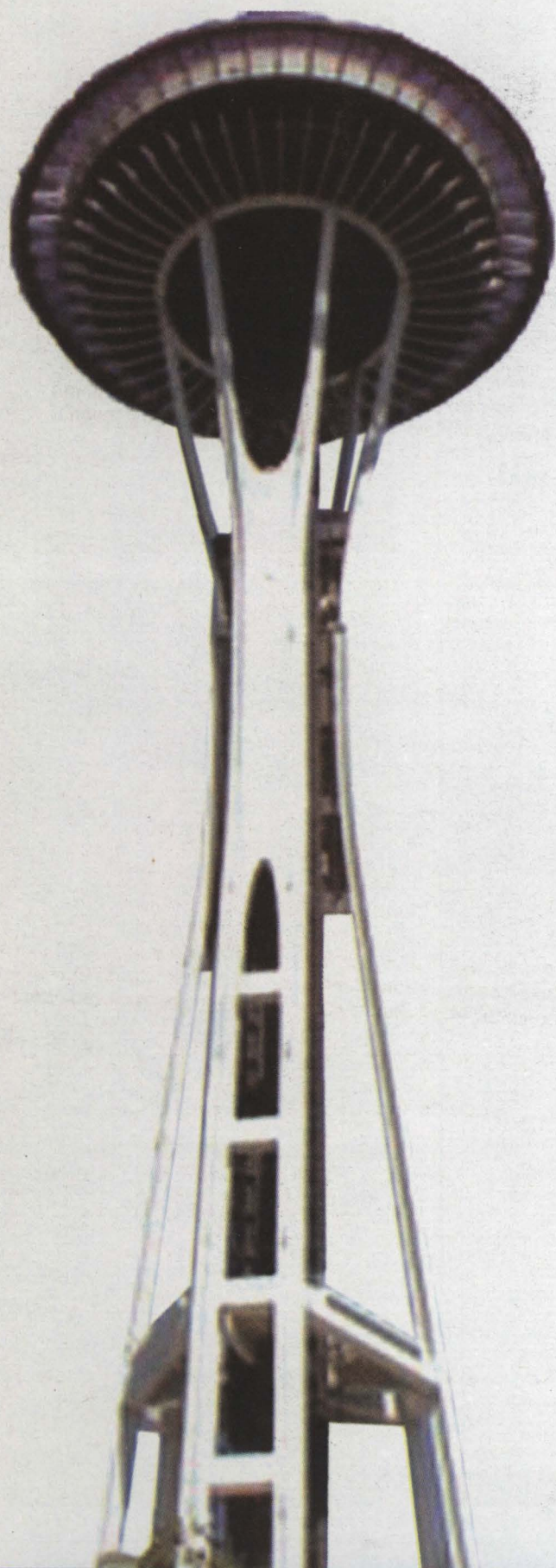




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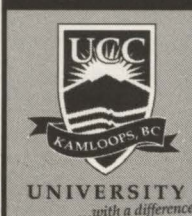
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## From The Editor



Last week brought us the slow progression pub night at the DSU building. I have to say, I was only stopping in for one drink but then one led to two and two led to too many. It was a very interesting night though. Some guy kept punching me in the arm, slapping me on the butt, and asking me how it felt for me to know that he knows that I think he is so good looking. Gosh, it was like he was looking right into my soul!

One thing that is great about alcohol is that people feel free to speak their minds. Sadly, the bad thing about alcohol is that people speak their minds. I went out with some friends on Friday night and I didn't drink as I was still recovering from Friday's excitement. It was funny to observe the drunk and disorderly. However, I felt strangely on edge. I felt like I was the chaperone and I had to make sure everyone was safe at all times, didn't get in their cars and drive home, and didn't take a stranger home with them. It was a lot of responsibility being the sober group member.

It would be fantastic if people could exude the same confidence when they are sober but without the bad judgment and alcoholism related issues. Because as I found out on Thursday and Friday—people have things to say. People want to share, want to connect, want to bond but for reasons individual to each person, they are hesitant to do this on a regular basis. But ahhh...the liquid courage.

Well, I welcome you all to (as Jodeci would say...hi Rick!) come and talk to me. I am opinionated, emotionally driven, and pretty much a terrible listener but hey...good talk is hard to find these days so you should really take what you can get.

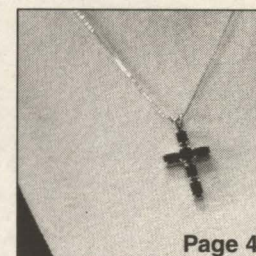
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Managing Editor, Kerry Evans

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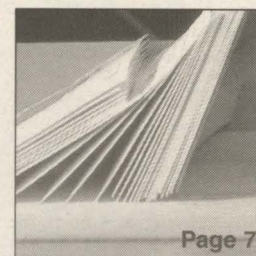
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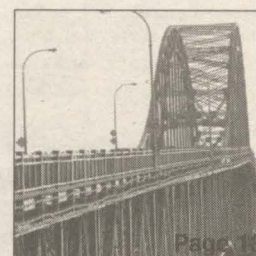
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## "She's on a Role!"

March 8, 2004

International Women's Day

Lynn Paus  
OP Contributor

March 8, 2004 - International Women's Day

Every year on March 8, millions of women and men around the world celebrate International Women's Day. This day provides an occasion to celebrate the gains in the fight for women's rights, to assess the current challenges facing women, and to consider future steps to improve women's equality.

This year, Canadians will celebrate International Women's Week from Saturday, March 6 to Saturday, March 12, 2004, with the highlight being International Women's Day on March 8. "She's on a Role!" is the Canadian theme for this year's week-long series of events. Many Canadian women, from athletes to social activists, have accomplished great things in their community, country, and around the world. Some of these women receive little recognition for their efforts; yet provide excellent role models for Canadians, especially Canadian youth.

This year's theme encourages Canadians to take a closer look at what has been accomplished to promote gender equality and build Canada into the country it is today, as well as celebrating the many women who continue to work towards these goals.

Did you know that the beginnings of International Women's Day can be traced back to the end of the 19th Century and the beginning of the 20th Century? Working women in North America waged bitter strikes for decent working conditions in the textile mills of New York. They marched in an effort to win shorter working hours, an end to child labour, safe working conditions, equal pay, and recognition of their basic rights, including the right to vote.

The tradition of struggle for equality, justice, peace, and development continues to this day.

### Upcoming International Women's Day Events in Vancouver:

International Women's Day  
Rally and March  
March 6

"Stop Attacks on Women: At Home and Abroad"  
Gather at 11am at Burrard Skytrain Station  
March to Vancouver Public Library  
Rally and speakers at noon

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IWD Celebration Dance  
Saturday March 6, 8pm  
WISE Club, 1882 Adanac (and Victoria)  
(Wheelchair access is from the rear of building) Tickets sliding scale \$5 to \$20 at door or may be purchased at Little Sisters and Co-op Bookstore.

# A Day of Prayer for Christians Worldwide

Ted Morrison  
OP Contributor

"Prayer and action are inseparable—[www.worlddayofprayer.net](http://www.worlddayofprayer.net)"

On March 7, Christian women from over 170 countries will participate in an ecumenical World Day of Prayer. Held on the first Friday in March, each year since 1927, the day brings together women of disparate sects and cultures. Given that March 8 is International Women's Day, it is entirely appropriate that this year's theme for reflection is "In Faith, Women Shape the Future."

The World Day of Prayer traces its origins to the 19th-century, when groups of women in communities in the US and Canada united to pray for and support women in mission—both at home and in foreign lands. In those days, the boards that directed missions were exclusively male, and tended to take a dim view of this type of thing.

However, where there's a need, someone will move to fill it, and beginning in 1861 women of various Christian denominations began to found their own mission boards. In 1887, there were calls from Methodist and Presbyterian women's organizations for days of prayer for missions both at home and overseas. In 1895, the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada inau-

gurated a day of group prayers, called "corporate intercession".

For the first few dozen years, days of prayer were set by different sects according to their own needs. Religious disagreements between various branches of Christianity, small to outsiders, created barriers that often acted to prevent co-operative effort.

It wasn't until after the horrors of the First World War that multiple denominations began to assemble for this purpose. In 1918, five denominations came together for a day of united prayer and action.

From that time, the Day has grown out of its missionary tradition to something far broader. On March 7 2004, the world we live in would barely be recognizable to the women who quietly and steadily fought for their right to pray both for and with one another, and some feel the need for prayer has never been greater.

The World Day of Prayer is intended, in a small way, to bring people closer together, and to establish a mindful and continual relationship between Christian women, their communities, and each other. But, it's not entirely without controversy.

In 2001, the Winnipeg organizing committee caused a stir by censoring the phrase "God, father



Photos by Angela Blattmann

and mother of us all," which had been written into the service. Bernice Santor, who chaired the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada's WDP committee, expressed mild surprise that the inclusive language met with such stiff opposition.

By their participation, Christian women the world around affirm their faith in Jesus and share their hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, opportunities, and needs.

The website tells visitors that the World Day of Prayer movement encourages women to:

- Become aware of the whole world, and no longer live in isolation

- Be enriched by the faith experience of Christians from other countries and cultures

- Take up the burdens of other people and pray both with and for them

- Become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society

This year, Christian women in British Columbia who wish to become involved in the World Day of Prayer should contact the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada at 416.929.5184 or email [wicc@wicc.org](mailto:wicc@wicc.org). Visit their website at [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org) for more information.

## Police and Customs Join MADD Against Marijuana

Kelly Parry  
News Editor

In an open letter to Prime Minister Paul Martin, the country's top police associations, a pre-eminent victims' rights organization, and the national union representing customs officers called on the Prime Minister to delay the passage of the new marijuana legislation until countermeasures are in place to safeguard Canadians' health and safety.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), the Canadian Professional Police Association (CPPA), the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada), and Customs Excise Union Douanes Accise (CEUDA) stated that the Government's current initiative of loosening possession laws for marijuana "will come at a high price for our society."

Edgar MacLeod, CACP President states: "With Bill C-10 this government is putting the cart before the horse. We need a National Drug Strategy that encourages collaboration and active involvement of the federal government, provinces and territories, and municipalities. The current drug strategy falls far short of that goal. The strategy is not adequately funded and in most cases the funding and the tools are not currently in place."

Andrew Murie, National Executive Director of MADD Canada states: "The Government is aware of legislation that will keep roads safe from drug-impaired drivers. Police need the authority to detect and charge drug-impaired drivers. Effective safeguards should be in place before we make marijuana easily accessible to the public, and par-

ticularly to young motorists, who are already over-represented in impaired driving crashes and fatalities."

Tony Cannavino, CPPA President states: "The marijuana bill is sending the wrong message to Canadians, particularly our young people. We have serious concerns about the booming marijuana grow-op industry. We need tools and training for police to deal with drug-impaired drivers. We need to retain police discretion to lay criminal charges for marijuana possession when circumstances warrant. There are serious issues about Canada's borders. We are urging Prime Minister Martin to listen to police and victims, and reject this bill until these problems have been corrected."

Edward W. Keyes, CAPB President states: "It is imperative

that adequate programs be put in place before legislation to decriminalize marijuana is enacted, to educate young people and their parents about the adverse effects of illicit drug use and to enable an integrated approach to prevention, enforcement, treatment, rehabilitation and research. We share the concerns of MADD Canada and our policing partners in this regard."

Ron Moran, CEUDA National President states: "With the growing and misguided impression that Canada is fast becoming the Amsterdam of North America, travelers must expect longer wait times at the border if this bill is adopted."

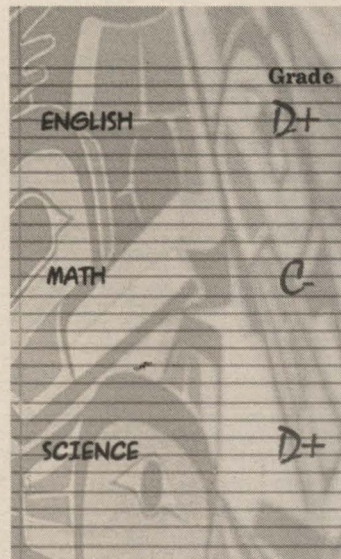
The open letter to the Prime Minister listed all the above concerns and can be consulted at [www.cppa-acpp.ca](http://www.cppa-acpp.ca) under "What's new."





## Aboriginal Education Report Card

Kelly Parry  
News Editor



ENGLISH	Grade D+
MATH	C
SCIENCE	D+

The Fraser Institute recently released the first ever Report Card on Aboriginal Education in British Columbia. Dismal results show that schools must be made accountable for the poor showing of their Aboriginal students.

This new publication reports and compares the results of Aboriginal students at 38 elementary schools and 49 secondary schools—both public and private. The Report Card uses detailed Aboriginal students' academic results, obtained from the BC Ministry of Education, to assess how well each school is performing with respect to its Aboriginal students.

"British Columbia's schools are, in general, failing the province's Aboriginal students miserably," says Peter Cowley, co-author and

the Institute's director of school performance studies.

Aboriginal students take, on average, less than one of the senior level provincially examinable courses whereas their non-Aboriginal counterparts take nearly three. This Report Card, like other Fraser Institute school report cards, provides evidence of what can be accomplished. It demonstrates clearly that some elementary and secondary schools have found ways to make their Aboriginal students more successful. School choice enables parents to avoid those schools that have been unsuccessful in educating their Aboriginal students.

The report says that all interested parties must have access to easy-to-understand, school-by-school reports of student achievement.

The Report Card on Aboriginal Education in British Columbia collects a variety of relevant, objective indicators of school performance into one, easily accessible, public document so that anyone can analyze and compare the performance of the Aboriginal students in individual schools.

Schools that perform well or show consistent improvement are applauded. "Aboriginal students are not doomed to failure. Elementary schools were included in the Report Card if they had at least ten Aboriginal students in each of grades four and seven and generated sufficient results data to be rated. Secondary schools were included if they had at least 15 Aboriginal students in grade 12 and generated sufficient results data to be rated.

### FAST FACTS

In the last four school years, British Columbia's Aboriginal students failed more than 40 percent of the province-wide reading tests that they wrote. On every one of the grade four and grade seven test sittings, their failure rate was more than double that of their non-Aboriginal classmates.

The likelihood that Aboriginal children enrolling in grade eight will successfully complete their studies and receive their diploma in the usual time is only slightly better than one in five. In contrast, the non-Aboriginal success rate is more than three times higher.

## China Watchers Raise Alarm about Possible Xinhua Purchase

Matthew Little  
OP Contributor



Xinhua Financial Network, owner of China's official news agency, recently announced plans to buy US-based Market News. The deal has many China observers concerned that Mainland China is attempting to export its Communist-style information control to the United States and manipulate investor opinion.

New York-based Market News International is one of the top providers of real-time market news, with offices throughout the United States and Europe. The purchase gives Xinhua Financial control of a well-established and trusted source of market information.

Chinese state news agency Xinhua is the majority stakeholder in Xinhua Financial. Sophie Beach, with the Committee to Protect Journalists, calls Xinhua "the most firmly, centralized controlled media in China. It's the mouth piece for the Communist party."

Beach points out that smaller local media are told to follow Xinhua's lead, particularly on sensitive political issues or stories of industrial accidents or government

corruption. Beach says, "SARS is the most recent example. Xinhua was stating the official government line on it, that SARS was under control and that it was mostly an epidemic happening outside of China. And then, through a variety of ways that cover-up was eventually broken apart."

Xinhua has also faced heavy international criticism for its slander campaign against Falun Gong in China. Many have compared it to Hitler's propaganda ministry during WWII, which painted Jews as monsters that ate Christian babies. Chinese media in the US and Canada have been sued for re-broadcasting Xinhua's reports which are categorized as hate propaganda with no factual basis.

While China has begun to reform its media system to reduce the number of state-owned media, most China experts agree that this kind of policy change will do little to alter China's history of repressing free speech. It is believed that privately-owned newspapers will simply exercise self-censorship. According to Reporters Without Borders, journal-

ists in China are now required to submit to tests on their knowledge of Communist ideology.

Reporters Without Borders also ranks China 248th on a list of 249 for press freedom and the World Association of Newspapers (WAN) has declared that "there is so far no press freedom in China." The Committee to Protect Journalists has also declared China has "the world's most elaborate system of media control."

Although Market News is China's most notable purchase of non-Chinese media, the Chinese government began an aggressive campaign to dominate Chinese media around the world after Hong Kong was receded in 1997.

The Jamestown Foundation, a non-partisan think-tank, specializing in identifying governments or countries that pose a threat to democracy and freedom, carried out a detailed analysis of China's influence on overseas Chinese media in 2001. They discovered that three of the four major Chinese newspapers published in the US are, either directly or indirectly, controlled by

the government of Mainland China. The fourth is run out of Taiwan and has increasingly given in to pressure from Mainland China. A similar situation exists within overseas Chinese television stations, which often run CCTV-4 programming that is offered free of charge on an uncoded satellite signal and carries what Jamestown calls Mainland China's "slanted news, or propaganda."

The Jamestown report detailed that 80 percent of all Chinese-Americans live in twelve major U.S. cities and said these overseas Chinese "are targeted by the Chinese government with misinformation and propaganda. The "outside world" and current events are filtered and presented through a limited number of media, the majority of which are influenced—or even run, by Beijing's communist government."

Shiyu Zhou with the Association for Asia Research, a think-tank specializing in Asian affairs, points out that this is yet another way the Peoples' Republic of China attempts to control Chinese people within and beyond China's borders.

"Overseas Chinese have close communications with Mainland China, so a lot of information will be passed to Mainland China through this communication. So that is why they want to control, or at least heavily influence the opinion of overseas Chinese."

"For the western media and the

financial news their intention is somehow clear or obvious. They still need a lot of foreign investment to sustain the regime and all the economic problems they have in China."

"Over the past few years more and more overseas economists began to realize problems with the Chinese economic system and more and more voices can be heard in the media, talking about the issues. What's really going on behind the mirage of the economic development in China. The Chinese government is very afraid of this kind of discussion, these opinions, because this would affect foreign investment, which is kind of key now to what they call the "development of the Chinese economy," which is very unhealthy and has much dependence on this kind of investment." "It's kind of obvious, or at least reasonable to think that they will try to control or influence this kind of opinion. The purchase of this news outlet could be part of such an effort."

Zhou went on to suggest that western countries like the US should be concerned over the purchase and should take a stronger stand on China's abuse of human rights. He pointed out that Mainland China's ownership of western media could also be used to hide those abuses from the international community.

## Alumni Career Fair

Jessica Ross  
OP Contributor

The Douglas College Alumni will host a career fair on Monday, March 8 between 9am to 4pm. Booths will be set up in the New Westminster Campus concourse allowing students to walk around and meet with representatives from various organizations.

Participants include; bcjobs.ca, Harrison Hotel, Vancouver Costal

Health, the Lions Society, Youth Employment Centre, University College of the Caribou, the Canadian Army and Canadian Navy, as well as, departments from within Douglas College.

The focus of the career fair will be to help students discover what types of work they would like to pursue, what sorts of skills, knowledge, or

education they will need for their future workplace.

The New Westminster Campus is located at 700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, one block from the New Westminster SkyTrain station. For more information contact the Douglas College Alumni at 604.777.6171, or visit <www.douglas.bc.ca/alumni/careerfair.html>.

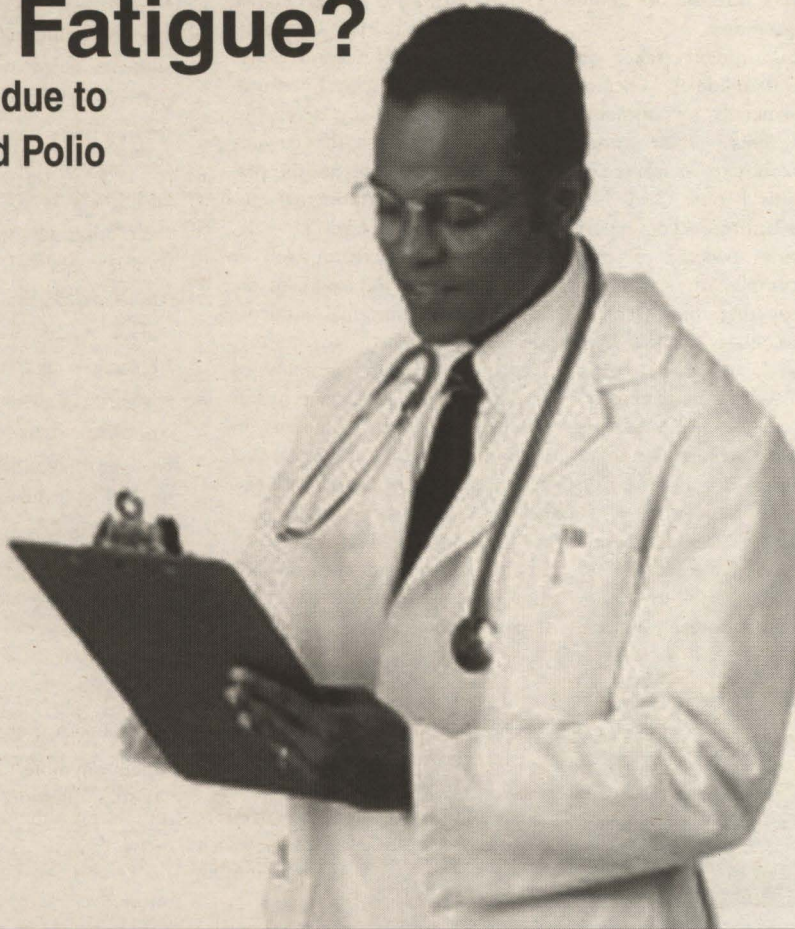




# Pain, Weakness, and Fatigue?

It may be due to  
Childhood Polio

Kelly Parry  
News Editor



Anyone who has been dealing with mysterious medical issues involving fatigue, weakness, and pain should speak to their family doctor about post-polio syndrome.

In the 1980's, medical science confirmed that many survivors of polio will develop post-polio syndrome later in life, a condition whose symptoms include weakness, fatigue, breathing and swallowing problems, and muscle atrophy. In fact, it is estimated that up to 50 to 70 percent of polio survivors may experience the disabling effects of post-polio syndrome 25 to 45 years after their initial recovery from polio.

But many survivors—not knowing that they had polio in the first place—are unable to provide the vital medical history information to their doctors in order to get the proper medical assessment and treatment they need. "If your sibling, friend, cousin, or kid down the street had polio and you were around them, it is possible that you also contracted polio," says Marcia Falconer, PhD, Virologist and Researcher into post-polio syndrome.

Often polio survivors are misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, or depression because few clinicians today have seen a case of

polio and many are still unaware of the symptomology of post-polio syndrome.

"I was told for years that it was all in my head," says Elizabeth Lounsbury, a polio survivor and now Chair of Polio Canada(R), and its National Polio Survivors Network dedicated to educating Canadians about post-polio syndrome.

If you suspect that your symptoms could be caused by a forgotten or missed childhood case of polio, call 1.800.480.5903 or visit the Polio Canada(R) website at <www.poliocanada.com>.

Since its launch in March 2003, Polio Canada(R) and its National Polio Survivors Network has been working hard to raise awareness about post-polio syndrome in Canada.

March is Polio Awareness Month, and a national campaign is underway to educate polio survivors about the effects of post-polio syndrome.

The national program has been educating and informing health care professionals and polio survivors, offering them resources on the late effects of polio and post-polio syndrome. The program is funded in part by Health Canada, through its Population Health Fund.

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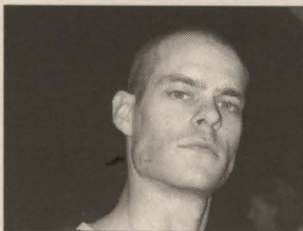
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## Third Degree

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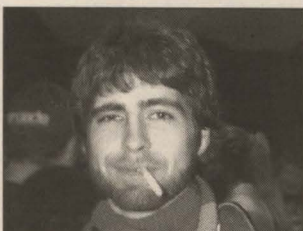
Questions by Trevor Hargreaves



Name: Zoltan

Q: You've been captured by the enemy. In order to escape you have to maim one of your body parts. Which part would you choose?

A: I would give my good eye with my good eye closed. Chicks dig eye patches. Or I'd claw my own arm off to escape. (starts singing Alice in Chains)



Name: Raoul

Q: Which STD clinic has the fastest service?

A: The one that I hang my coffee mug at.



Name: Crystle

Q: Lets say that you were arrested for an offence and sentenced to listen to one record for three days straight. Which would it be?

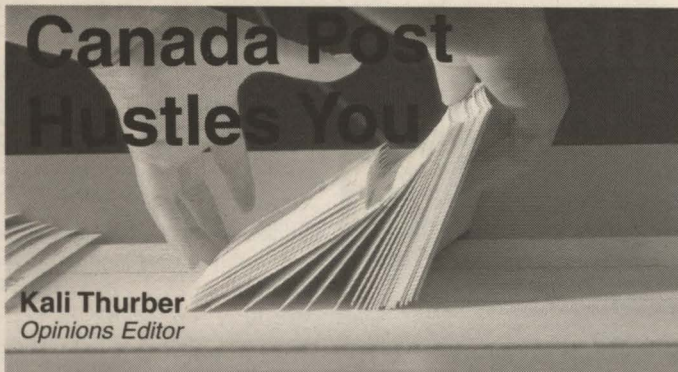
A: Tegan & Sara—*This Business of Art*, or Steve Miller Band—*Greatest Hits*



Name: Caitlin

Q: If you could hire one band to build your house, which would you enlist?

A: The Raking Bombs, They're local and very available. Plus they're hot. I like to watch hot men sweat.



Kali Thurber  
Opinions Editor

Postal service is a fraud. Sure, they let you believe that when you send registered mail through the post office it will be safe—that it will actually get delivered to the person you are sending it to. If you believe in this tidy storyline, I'm here to tell you that you have been duped, you naïve mailer you. When you send mail that isn't insured, any-

thing can happen to it, and there is nothing that the post office does to prevent this.

Take this little scenario, for example. I applied for bursaries last semester, and because I was moving, and didn't know my new address, I had it sent to my mother's address. My mother, on receiving my bursary, sent it to my new

address. So I waited, and waited, and waited—forcing myself into self-induced malnutrition by living off ninety-nine cent pizza and diet coke the whole time. But the bursary check never came.

Finally, I phoned my local postal outlet, and explained the situation. The damn postie on the other end of the line told me that there is nothing he could do about it. There is nothing he can do about it? Why should I send mail, if it can just get lost, and no explanation or compensation is offered? The postie told me that if a piece of mail isn't insured, then there is no way of tracking it. "We have thousands of customers to serve all over Vancouver, so there is no way for us to keep track of yours," he said rather indignantly.

What I wanted to ask was, "But

isn't that your job?" However, it had become overwhelmingly clear that this is not the case. Basically any uninsured mail that you send could feasibly be stolen, perhaps even by a postie, (God forbid) and your local post office wouldn't have a word to say about it.

I insist (not suggest) that we do away with the post office altogether. Those bastards are scamming us, and we're just sitting back, waiting for the mail to come. I realize this verges on plagiarism, since Kramer suggested a similar revolution on Seinfeld, but perhaps this is a time when mimicking TV isn't so bad. My mother always told me not to let people take advantage of me, so I'll do her proud by saying, "no means no." I refuse to let the posties steal my mail and tarnish my fantastic landlord/renter relationship by leaving me broke and starving.

Never again will I allow my life to be altered by the wretched inadequacy of Canada Post's mail service. I will receive nothing in the mail anymore. And when those posties question why my address never receives any mail, I will let them wonder in fear and confusion. Damn posties.

## Science Matters

### Nothing Simple About Nature



David Suzuki  
David Suzuki Foundation

People generally like simple answers. This

happened, so this happened. Cause and effect. Simple.

But nature doesn't work that way. Just when we think we've got something figured out, another idea comes along that turns our preconceived notions upside down. In spite of all our scientific advances, we are only just beginning to understand how ecosystems work.

Consider invasive species. Plants and animals evolve to fill particular roles within a given ecosystem. The population of each of these species is usually held in check by other forces, such as climate, predators, or food availability. When we take a species out of its native home and transport it elsewhere, it may face new challenges and die off, or it may find itself virtually unencumbered by constraining forces.

When the latter happens, the species can become "invasive." That is, it can flourish, become a pest to human beings and overwhelm native species. In fact, invasive species are believed to be a major cause of the loss of biodiversity worldwide. Biologists have long known that the lack of insect enemies is a key factor in determining if a plant species becomes invasive, but we are finding out that the situation is decidedly more complex. We now know that another, surprising agent may also be involved in the success of an invasive plant—soil organisms.

Most of us tend to think of soil as inert matter, but it is very much alive, replete with microscopic organisms that can either enhance a plant's capacity to grow and

flourish, or hinder it.

A recent study published in the journal *Nature* has found that spotted knapweed, which was introduced to North America through imported alfalfa seeds more than a century ago, has likely been able to spread so profusely, not because it lacked insect enemies, but because it lacked microscopic soil enemies. In Europe and Asia, specific soil organisms help keep the plant from becoming an invasive weed, but these microbes aren't found in North American soil.

Just as few people would have thought that soil microbes could have such a profound effect on the success of a plant species, few would likely think that reducing fishing to protect fish stocks would actually harm seabird populations. Yet that is exactly what has happened in Europe's North Sea.

One of the North Sea's top predators, the great skua, has greatly benefited from the leftovers of commercial fishing. Over the years, these birds have learned to scavenge fish guts and undersized fish tossed back by fishing boats. They've eaten well. As a result, the great skua population is now 200 times larger than it was a century ago.

However, fish stocks in the North Sea are in trouble from years of over-fishing. New European Union policies have

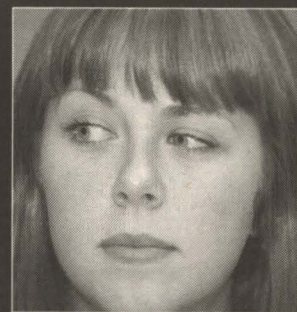
been designed to allow stocks to recover, but reduced fishing also means fewer discards for the skuas. And rather than go hungry, the birds are preying on other seabirds like puffins and kittiwakes.

The impact on other seabird species is not insignificant. A recent study found that a five percent increase of birds in the skua diet would result in an annual loss of thousands of other seabirds. In some areas, the level of predation by skuas is already unsustainable and the authors conclude that the situation "presents a potentially serious threat to some seabird communities."

We have to remember that nature does not behave in a simple, linear fashion. Our natural systems have, over millions of years, developed complex systems of checks and balances. Humanity is now powerful enough to meddle with those systems and the results are unpredictable. That's something to keep in mind when we consider climate change, genetically modified food and other emerging scientific issues. We have to be cautious. And we can't assume we know how things will turn out, because with nature, the answer is rarely simple.

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## Stolen Words

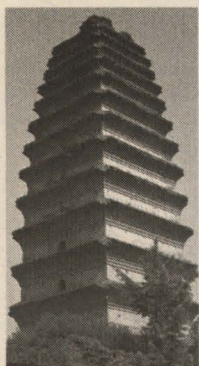


Kali Thurber  
Opinions Editor

So I've been hanging out in employment centres lately—not for entertainment, but because student loans are simply not enough to satisfy my unrelenting desires for live music, booze, and oh yes, paying the bills. Yesterday I sat at the same glaring computer I always choose, mindlessly scrolling through the classifieds when a little flower child pointed me out to her father, and said, "Look Daddy, she's selling her soul too."

Her father laughed, embarrassed that she was picking up on his obvious distaste for job searching, and later apologized for her rudeness. But I fell in love with her pointed honesty on the spot. So much that I left the employment centre shortly after, and decided to spend my day hopping coffee shops and smoking cigarettes. Isn't it great what kids can teach you these days?





## In The Pagoda Extra Dimensions

Matthew Little  
OP Contributor

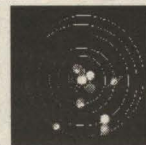
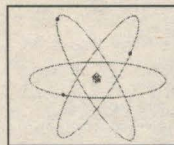
Buddha Shakyamuni once told his disciples that there were three thousand worlds in a grain of sand. Christians were taught that the human body was a microcosm that looked just like the universe. Daoists also believe that the body is like a miniature universe with all the components and energies of the larger universe. It sounds a little fantastic, but modern physics has discovered that these ancient spiritual teachings are actually very accurate.

One of the big turning points in human understanding was when Galileo argued for the Copernican model of the universe. With brilliant experiments, tricky rhetoric, and politics, he helped to overturn the idea that the universe was a flat

earth with a sun and moon rotating around it, and a sheet of sparkles surrounding the whole thing. He propelled the idea that the Earth is one among several spherical planets moving around the sun.

Later, as we all learned in middle school science, we discovered that everything we see, touch, feel, hear, and taste is actually made of little tiny particles called atoms. Interestingly enough, the structure of an atom is identical to that of a solar system. As technology has advanced, we have been able to verify with greater accuracy that atoms and solar systems do in fact, look a great deal alike. In that case, we might think of a molecule as a miniature galaxy, and atoms like

miniature solar systems. In that case, it seems like the old Buddhists, Daoists, and Christians were really onto something.



From this understanding, it turns out that the human body and everything else around us is composed almost entirely of empty space. If I remember the analogy right, an atom's proton is like a golf ball in the middle of a football stadium and electrons are little peas floating around the back seats. It is like being in the matrix and everything you look at isn't as it appears.

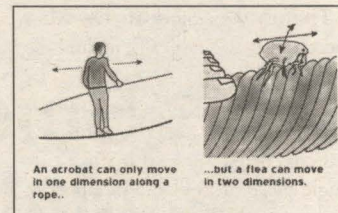
The following is from a website created by the Particle Data Group, which was created to teach kids about science. It provides a way to understand what we're talking about, and how there could be a universe in a grain of sand.

"How can there be extra, smaller dimensions?

String theory and other new proposals require more than three space

dimensions. These extra dimensions could be very small, which is why we don't see them. Think about an acrobat and a flea on a tight rope. The acrobat can move forward and backward along the rope. But the flea can move forward and backward as well as side-to-side. If the flea keeps walking to one side, it goes around the rope and winds up where it started. So the acrobat has one dimension, and the flea has two dimensions, but one of these dimensions is a small closed loop.

So the acrobat cannot detect any more than the one dimension of the rope, just as we can only see the world in three dimensions, even though it might well have many more. This is impossible to visualize, precisely because we can only visualize things in three dimensions!



Maybe we are just like that guy on the tight rope, stuck in our dimen-

sion. Religions in the west used to teach a person to have faith and to believe in the things that couldn't be seen. Eastern traditions taught that a person had to be enlightened before they could see, and if they didn't believe in what they couldn't see, they were said to have poor enlightenment quality. Remember how they used to talk about angels and demons, spirits and ghosts?

Maybe those are just fleas on our tight rope, walking in dimensions we can't see, and in directions we can't move. Or can we?

Why did the ancients believe that human bodies looked just like the universe, or that there were three thousand worlds in a grain of sand? Why did they describe such outlandish ideas that turned out to be very scientifically accurate? At one time, nearly everyone believed that a human being could possess supernatural skills, and could see and do things that normal people couldn't do with their physical bodies. Could this be true? Could it be that we could take a step off the tight rope without falling down? We will begin to explore this idea next time."

## Re: Living History

Brandon Ferguson  
OP Contributor

*The Fog of War* made me think. There, I said it. The movie, a blend of fiction and fact (isn't everything these days?), tells the story of Robert Strange McNamara. Robert Strange McNamara in turn is able to tell the story of one of the 20th century's most gruesome eras, that of American participation in warfare before and during the Cold War.

McNamara should know about these things—as a tactician for bombing raids in WWII, it was his number-crunching genius that increased the proportional death count of hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians. Then, as the Secretary of Defense for seven years under acronym, JFK and LBJ, he went from being actively in favour of troop withdrawal to being passively in favour of Agent Orange dispersal over the lush jungles of Vietnam. McNamara was in the privileged position to not only witness the brutal realities of war, but to implement them.

He had trouble recalling whether he personally was the cheque signer for all those Japanese and Vietnamese death certificates, though. *The Fog of Memory* may have been a more apt title.

What *The Fog of War* made me think about was how close we were to a nuclear war. My apologies to the Japanese, who were the victims of the first, and most overlooked, nuclear war. Just as Canada is 1-0 lifetime in head-to-head battles against the US, the US is 1-0 in nuclear wars. Both of these are facts missing from the fictional work that is history. Just as McNamara ripped LBJ for failing to get out of Vietnam, just as

McNamara told of General Lemay's handiwork in carrying out the McNamara-signed incendiary bombing raids—it seems that history is written both by the winners and by those who outlive their opponents.

But I guess these are birds of the same feather, or rather, dung piles from the same horse's ass.

JFK, and therefore the subsidiary McNamara, saved the world (read: the US) from nuclear war in 1962. Fourteen tension filled days that, if they were to happen today, would have been forgotten fourteen days later when an intern was caught swallowing, a breast was exposed, a midget Bachelor proposed, or the Gap had a sale.

What was I talking about? You and I have both already forgotten. Our shared history is fading away right before our eyes. *The Fog of War* made me think. That's it.

Robert Strange McNamara could not stress fervently enough how close we came to nuclear annihilation. The latent point that he makes, and that I share, is this: it's a damn good thing JFK was at the helm of the ship to steer the world through such an unpredictable high-stakes game of *Risk*. Arguably the greatest president of the 20th-century, in easily the strongest nation of the 20th century, JFK was able to avoid pushing that ubiquitous button on one of those fourteen days in 1962. He was a man of such nobility and valour that his legacy still intrigues all. "Today, the third cousin of a second uncle of the great-granddaughter of JFK was caught stealing Jube Jubes at the local mar-

ket—story at eleven." He was a man so good that he therefore must die. John Fitzgerald Kennedy saved us all from the mad Ruskies and his eager military advisors alike.

Whew. Thank God we dodged that bullet. But wait a minute...aren't there still some of those nuclear weapons kicking around? That's okay—I'm sure we've got people of similar nobility and valour at the helm today. Right? Thousand-year old W, huh? "Today, future former-President George H. Bush's son (read: future President George W. Bush) was found snorting blow at Yale while drinking and driving, skipping out on National Guard duty—story at eleven."

This is what I thought of at *The Fog of War*. This was the frightening moral to the story that I took. I turned whiter than the rim of W's nostril in the 70s. I felt more sober than W's morning-after when he woke up in ass-less chaps to find he was the President of the last century's most powerful nation. I thought that maybe I should never think such scary thoughts again. What saved the world from nuclear war in the 60s was the decency and morality of Kennedy, McNamara, ex-US Ambassador to the Soviet Union Tommy Thompson, and even Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev. In the 2000s, we look around the nuclear playground and see the decency and morality of Bush, Dick Cheney, and Donald Rumsfeld, versus your pick of known terrorists Osama Bin Laden, Kim Jong Il, Ayatollah Khomeini, or Janeane Garofalo.

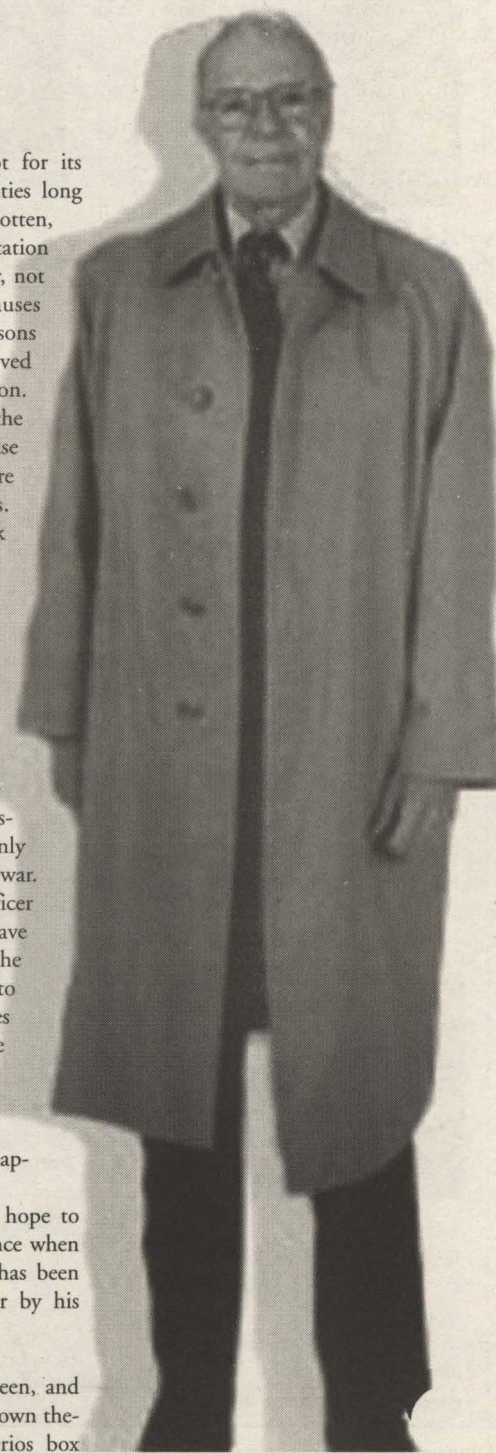
*The Fog of War* scared the

bejeezus out of me. Not for its honest retelling of atrocities long since glazed over and forgotten, not for its artful presentation on the devastation of war, not even for its tactful pauses whenever McNamara's lessons from Vietnam's past deserved Iraq's present consideration. *The Fog of War* scared the bejeezus out of me because it reminded me that we are still in a nuclear crisis. Every day we run the risk of no tomorrow.

Robert Strange McNamara—who I still am unsure of as to whether he's a crazy old coot rationalizing his death bed confessions, or a wise old man imploring us to heed the lessons of his brave admissions—said that there is only one hope associated with war. No honest military officer would ever claim to have never made a mistake, he said. You can only hope to learn from these mistakes so that even if you are found in error two or three times, you will be able to prevent the fourth and fifth from happening.

But how can we ever hope to learn from a second chance when our generation's history has been given no room for error by his generation's weapons?

*The Fog of War* can be seen, and should be seen, at Tinseltown theatres. Check your Cheerios box for a \$5 off coupon.



Robert Strange McNamara



# Why The War Was Fought



**J.J. McCullough**  
OP Columnist

When the war was launched, I remained confident that the weapons would be found. Of course, I certainly didn't think the marines would just "stumble upon" a gigantic warehouse full of nukes and anthrax spores—especially when so many of Iraq's military facilities lay in ruin. It seemed logical, however, to assume that once the post-war occupation period began, numerous previously hidden caches of banned weapons would slowly begin to be uncovered.

Of course, now this scenario is looking increasingly unlikely. Several weeks ago, David Kay, the ex-head weapons inspector, testified before Congress and gave the most pessimistic assessment of the WMD (weapons of mass destruction) hunt to date. Various soundbytes of his testimony were widely repeated in the news media—"Turns out we were all wrong," he said of the claims of weapons, adding that based on his own observations it was "highly unlikely" that significant WMD stockpiles existed in pre-war 2003 Iraq.

What does all this mean? On one level, this all spells quite a dire crisis. To know that WMDs will likely never be found in Iraq, after they were hyped so extensively in the pre-war days, is an enormous embarrassment to the Bush Administration, and not one that should be brushed off. To deny the importance of finding WMDs would require a political spin of the highest order. The fact remains, such weapons were guaranteed to be found, but now will most likely not.

At the same time, these latest revelations are not a grim portrait of deception, nor, contrary to the claims of the left, do they in any way "prove" that President Bush in any way lied, deceived, or cheated his way into war.

While the media was very keen to

repeat the most damning lines of David Kay, many of his most telling statements have been largely ignored. Though he found no stockpiles of weaponry in Iraq, the ex-inspector did find numerous instances of proof indicating that Iraq's WMD programs and "technical infrastructures" had not, in fact, been dismantled. Research and development continued, and "hundreds" of violations of UN mandates were discovered. Though these offenses are not equal to the finding of actual, functioning weapons, they are still very significant.

The real key point in Dr. Kay's speech was the "we all" in his "we were all wrong" statement. The weapons of mass destruction argument was not just an allegation that was concocted out of thin air. Every single piece of available intelligence pointed to their existence. President Clinton used WMDs as a pretext for a 1998 bombing raid on Iraq. There is a widely circulating document on the net that is a collection of quotes from prominent Democrats from the late 90s, all vouching for the existence of WMDs. President Chirac of France believed they existed, so did Chancellor Schroder in Germany, and Kofi Anan of the UN. So did our own government in Canada. The debate, leading up to the war was never about the existence of WMDs, it was about what to do with them. The Security Council did not pass a resolution demanding for Iraq to prove whether or not it had WMDs, it passed a resolution demanding the regime disarm. Hans Blix was the weapons inspector, not the weapons detective.

In retrospect, playing up the WMDs to the degree that they were was shortsighted. The Bush administration, under heavy pressure from Colin Powell's State Department, focused on the WMD angle in order to win support from the Europeans

and the UN—both of which, as noted, believed strongly that Saddam possessed banned weapons.

While not everyone agreed with Bush's "first strike" policy, asking a rogue state to follow international law seemed much less offensive. As the much vilified Deputy Defense Secretary, Paul Wolfowitz, quipped in a Vanity Fair interview, the WMD angle was selected for "bureaucratic reasons" because it seemed the most clear-cut, and least divisive.

Of course, the actual policy-makers like Wolfowitz knew that this war was about much more than WMDs. After 9-11, the US underwent a dramatic, and important foreign policy shift. No longer content

in a past column, one needs to only look to areas of the world like Asia and Latin America to see how quickly a group of nations can be forced to adopt democracy when a prominent country takes the initiative and creates a good example to inspire the rest of the region. This cause often gets caught up with another key argument—humanitarianism.

To be sure, the war on Iraq was not solely launched because Saddam was a "bad man," as critics so facetiously put it, but to suggest that Saddam's brutal legacy of terror towards his own people is any way inconsequential to the wars motivations is simply a rejection of reality. A regime as brutal as Saddam's is a

these nations did so using rhetoric of peace, human rights, and international law. The Saddam regime openly violated all three principles, and yet it was still America who was portrayed as the evil one. To their credit, several leftists were able to see through this nonsense, and briefly put their anti-Bush agendas aside to favor the removal of a tyrant who opposed every right, minority, and idea that liberals supposedly stood for. The former leftist gadfly, Christopher Hitchens, was once such "liberal hawk" who, in his book, *The Long Short War*, attacked his former comrades for their ignorance. To Hitchens, it was extremely baffling that President Bush actually had to spend over a year "convincing people that Iraq should no longer be run by a psychotic crime family." The fact that this case still needs to be made speaks volumes about the left's true priorities when it comes to foreign policy.

President Bush has ordered a bipartisan investigation into pre-war intelligence on Iraq, which will hopefully expose whatever flaws led to the embarrassing WMD miscalculations. But regardless of the findings, this is not a war to apologize for. The tyrant is captured, his murdering sons are killed, and for the first time in decades the Iraqi people have a chance to live free. Iraq is right now the freest nation in the Arab world, and the Iraqis have tremendous opportunities ahead of them. Their lives will not be corrupted by terror, tyranny, or Islamic fundamentalism. They have an opportunity to build a new society of freedom and democracy, to prove to the world that there is indeed "another way" for Muslim people to live, and that given the chance, they can be as productive and prosperous as any western nation. If Iraq evolves into a successful, peaceful, and stable country, it will be a key blow to terrorism, and in the long run help make American lives safer.

And that is what this war was all about.

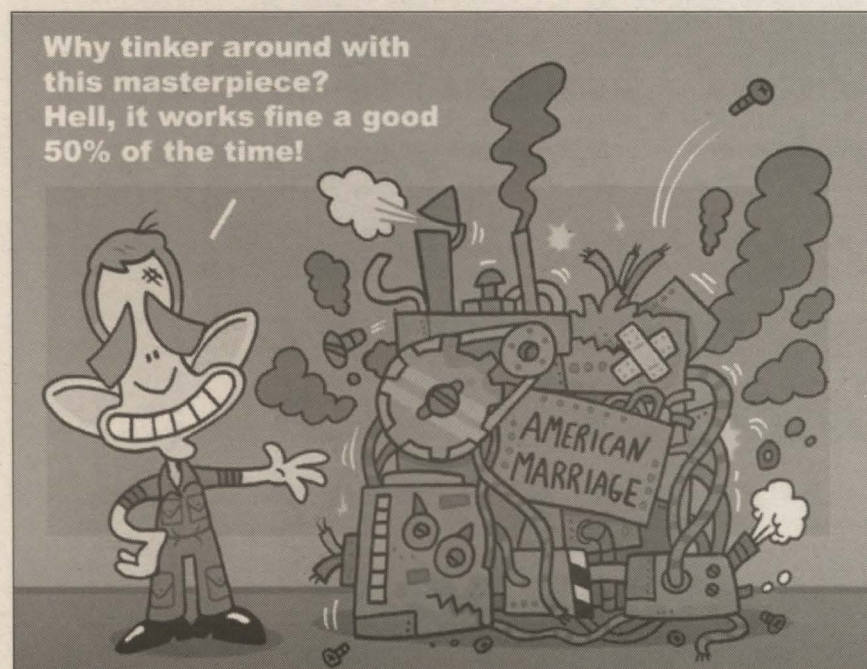
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to wait for further terrorist attacks on US soil, President Bush outlined an ambitious doctrine of bringing regime change to any nation that sponsors and harbors terrorists. Saddam's regime did both of the above, a fact that has only become clearer since the war's end. From al-Qaeda to Hamas and others, Saddam had a considerable track record of dealings with Islamic terrorist groups, but unfortunately, this, as well as other key motivations for the war, have been systematically sidelined, and ignored by the media and critics in favor of the WMD "upset."

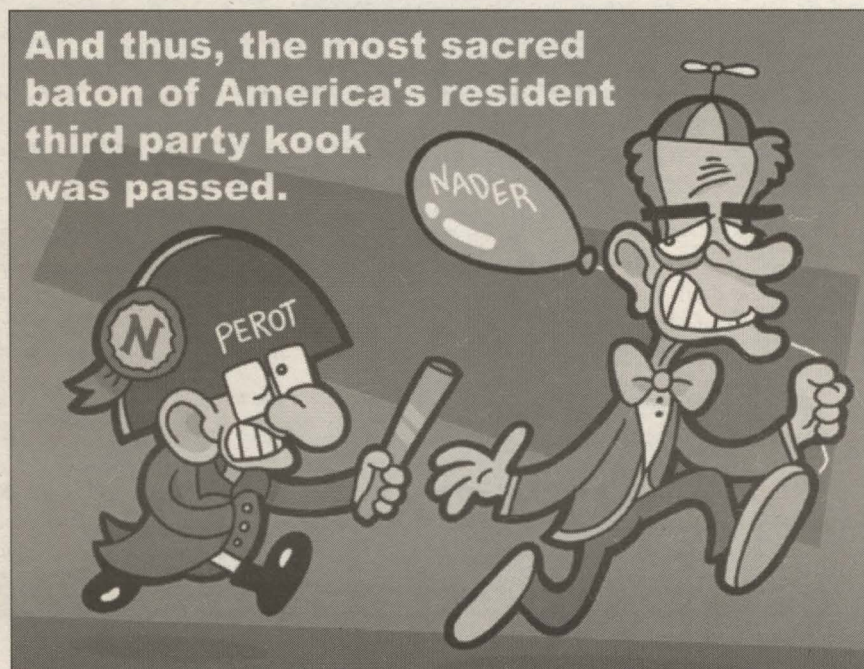
The third, and in some ways most important, rationale for the war was the idea that removing a tyranny in the Middle East would help serve as an initiative for overall change in the Middle Eastern region. As I argued

literal breeding ground for terror, as are most of the Middle East's tyrannies. When your personal freedom is squashed by a brutal, totalitarian regime, becoming a professional terrorist doesn't sound quite so bad. Terrorist leaders pray on the downtrodden and apathetic, and present convenient scapegoats, (America, the Jews, etc.) who are blamed for everything that is wrong in their lives. The simple fact is that many Arab men and women have very little to lose by joining terrorist groups. To effectively fight the War on Terror, it is this cycle that needed to be broken. Targeting Saddam's three-year regime was a logical way to start disrupting this cycle of tyranny and terror.

It is, on some level, fairly bizarre that so many nations protested this war, and even more bizarre that



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Cartoon by J.J. McCullough



## Paparazzi

Angela Blattmann  
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Questions by Trevor  
Hargreaves



Name: Kerry

Age: 19 +

Program at Douglas College: What.. you have to take a program?

Last CD you were listening to? Patsy Cline maybe...(looks confused)

Q: Why do you spell your name the way you do?

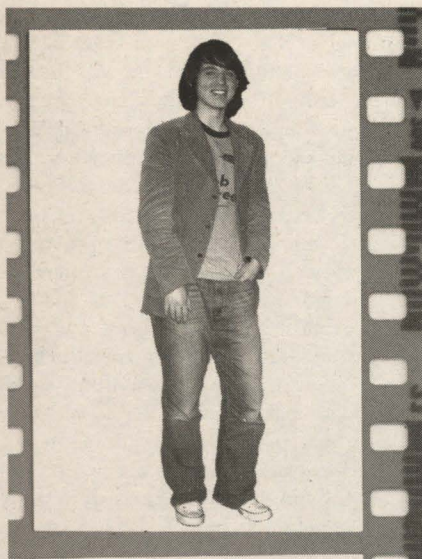
A: Because I'm Irish!

Q: What size is a good size?

A: Like nine inches. We're talking soft, right?

Q: If you were on a desert island and could only eat one food...

A: Fettuccini alfredo with grilled cajun chicken.



Name: Justin

Age: 18

Program at Douglas College? Arts

Last CD you were listening to? The Stills—Logic Will Break Your Heart

Q: If you were hanging out with Jesus for the day, what would you guys do?

A: I'd take him to Sassy Cut ... maybe he'd suit a faux-hawk? Then we would play air hockey. Air hockey with Jesus.

Q: If you were at a track meet with Jesus, who would win the 100 meter sprint?

A: That's tough. (looks thoughtful) I think that I would win, unless the race was over water.

Q: Lets say you get really drunk..

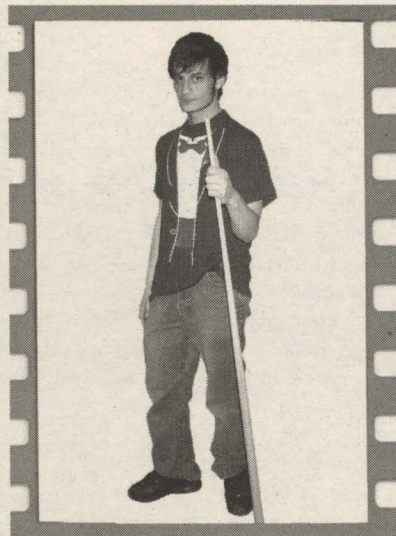
A: With Jesus?

Q: No! And you end up being flown somewhere while you were passed out. Where would you most like to wake up?

A: I would like to be in 1970's Glastonbury, in bed with Ringo Starr...

Q: If you were to sign a million dollar corporate deal with a shoe name brand, and could only wear that kind of shoe until you died, which would it be?

A: I'd like to say Converse, but they've been bought by Nike soooo.... Ok, ok, Chucks!



Name: Devon

Age: 20

Program at Douglas College? Theatre. Kinda...

Last CD you were listening to? Best of David Bowie

Q: What celebrity do people tell you that you look like?

A: Matthew Good

Q: If you had to pick a congenital disease, which would you go for?

A: Crabs.

Q: You're in the Andrew Lloyd Webber production of your choice. Which is it?

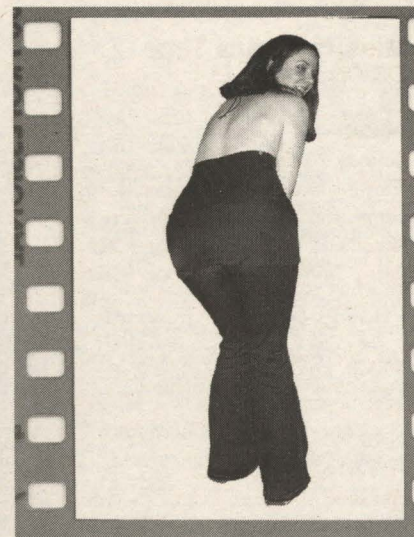
A: Showboat. I'd be the big black guy. (briefly demonstrates his deep singing voice)

Q: Which kung fu remake would you like to star in?

A: Enter the Dragon, or Rumble in the Bronx.

Q: You're now an assassin. Who are you going to peg off first?

A: Cher.



Name: Margot

Age: 23

Program at Douglas College? Whatever

What's the last CD you were listening to? David Bowie—Changes Bowie

Q: Your life suddenly turns into what feels like a cheap sci-fi film. The only way to further mankind in this life is to mate with either Pee-wee Herman or Earnest P. Worrell. Make your choice.

A: Pee-wee! It'd be novel. He's got much better style than Earnest. Earnest's voice is super annoying.

Q: While you were making hot hot playhouse love, what would the romantic foreplay music be?

A: Something Bob Seger-ish...Night Moves?

Q: If you had to date a bald man (asked by a bald guy) who would you go for?

A: Isn't Sean Connery losing his hair? Hmm (points) that guy in the blue shirt playing pool!

Q: If you were to partake in the Winter Olympics, what event would you be in?

A: I'm going to go with solo figure skating. I've got my own thing. I think I'd do my routine to Celine Dion's All by myself.

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## Horoscopes It's "T" Time

### Miss Tarantula Time OP Contributor

#### Aquarius

January 20-February 18

This is a rare segment of time that is yours for the taking, Aquarius. Whether you feel like flying a kite, eating brownies, or reading waterproof books of erotica, no guilt should be felt for your actions. In fact, every self-gratifying action you make this week is the right one.

#### Pisces

February 19-March 20

You need a change, Pisces, and you need it bad. Even the mirror is starting to tire of your monotonous appearance, and then there's your significant other. Well, they're about ready to chop off your head just to see something new. So switch it up a bit—try a different color of blush, pluck out all your eyebrows, or shave your head bald. Do something, anything, but do it now!

#### Aries

March 21-April 19

The winds have shifted, and they're taking you with them. Unlike the desperate Pisces, flux comes easily to

you, so this is a time for you to show your wishy-washy ways with pride. When the boss asks you to take a long vacation without pay, think of it as a free ride to a new career. Hah! You thought this was going to be a nice week, didn't you?

#### Taurus

April 20-May 20

There's a fun-lovin' hippy who's got their eye on you, my friend. He's someone you've known for years but has just now taken a keen liking to you. You should go for it! This could be the hot, passionate love affair that you've been waiting for. Taurus men, this is your time to fly bi.

#### Gemini

May 21-June 21

In true Gemini fashion, you believe in your own cunning aptitude beyond all else. This week will test your confidence however, as great opportunities that require real dedication are on their way. Your ticket to success: booze, baby, booze.

#### Cancer

June 22-July 22

You want to change the world for the better, Cancer, but you've just never been notified of a good cause with enough time to plan for it? I know it's hard to juggle all that you do, but you've got to make time for the good of the world. March 8,

2004 is National Women's Day—make yourself be seen at the rally.

#### Leo

July 23-August 22

Oh dear, Leo, you are in a spot. The pull for financial freedom has forced other parts of your life to be neglected. What you have sacrificed is sexual pleasure, and boy do you need it. The irony is that the money is probably how you got your honey, so you're going to have to pull a few all-nighters if you know what I mean.

#### Virgo

August 23-September 22

There's a battle at hand, Virgo, and you're going to win it. That's the rose of the situation, but there's also a thorn. When you do win the battle, it won't get you what you desire.

#### Libra

September 23-October 22

Spring is in the air, Libra, and the crowds are waiting for your spicy energy. Skip school, hook up with a Gemini, and have a blast! If someone asks what the party's for, tell them it's all for Tarantula Time and her glorious advise. Oh stop, I'm going pink.

#### Scorpio

October 23-November 21

The stars are talking to me, and they are telling me that you've been

singing lately. Wait, now the crystal ball is saying something...I think I can hear the song. The words go, "I'm a loser baby, so why don't you kill me." Wow, you really are depressed—but reverting back to 1994 isn't going to help you. Live in the now, and things will get better eventually.

#### Sagittarius

November 22-December 21

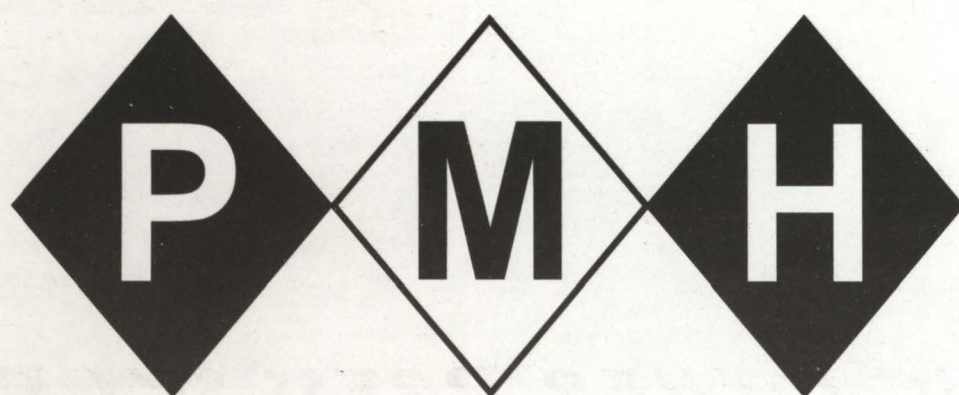
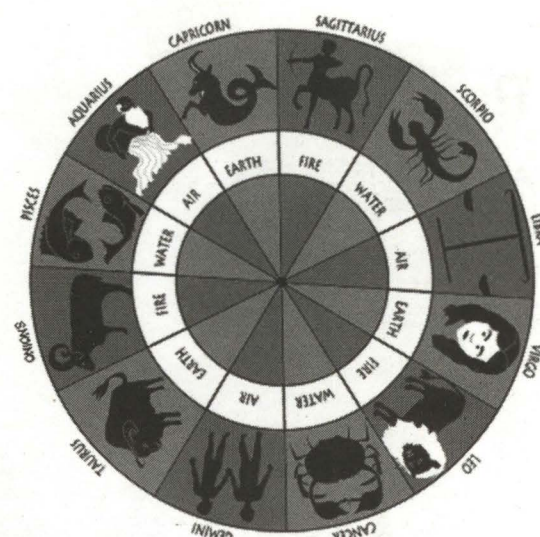
I have two words for you—teenile, and psst. Knowing your ignorance, I'll define these for you. Teenile refers to old people dressing as if they're teenagers, and psst stands for Plastic Surgery Something Terrible.

Put these together, and we're left with the awful truth of your style sense. You're old, and you know it, so quit pretending.

#### Capricorn

December 22-January 19

People have been talking about you—and not in a flattering way. Everyone keeps saying how uptight you are, how you're always bringing the group down. Throw a crazy theme party (try for 1999 New Year's theme, and if it doesn't fly, change it to a Prince theme) and show everyone what a blast you are.



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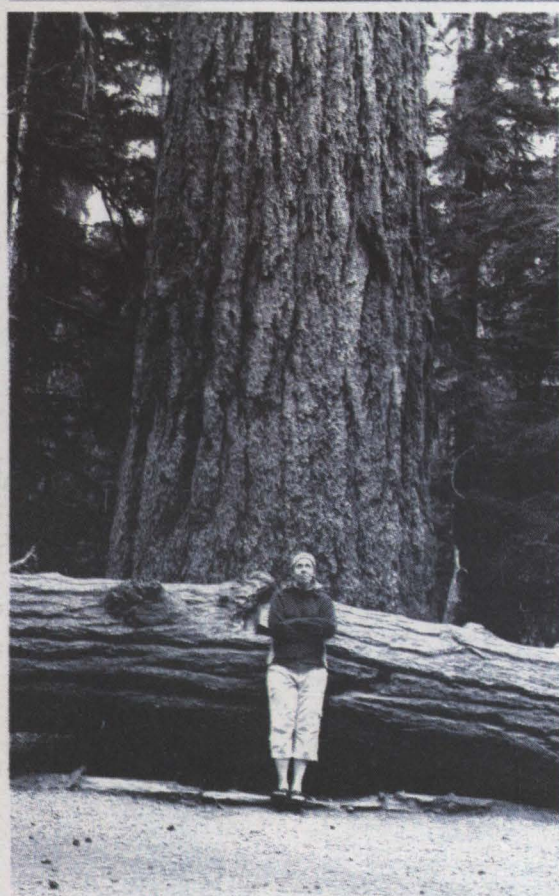
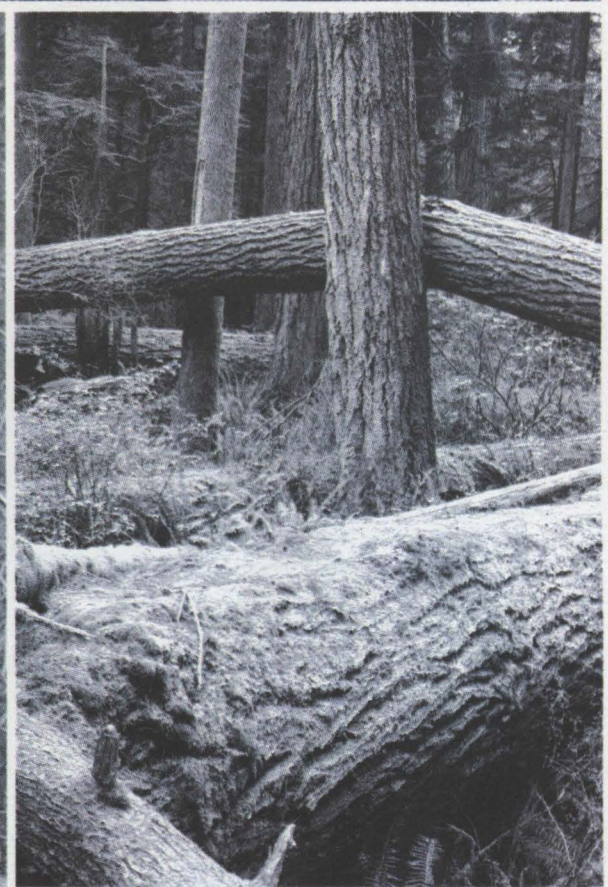
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## Cathedral Grove & Tofino

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# What's On Around Town

Amanda Aikman  
Culture Editor

## Douglas College Events

### Zastrozzi

Douglas College Theatre and Stagecraft Departments present this Denise Kenny directed play by George F. Walker  
March 5-13, Studio Theatre  
For tickets and information call the Box Office at 604.527.5488

### Writer-in-Residence Reading Series

Acclaimed Canadian Poet and writer Rhea Tregebov shares her work in a series of public readings  
•"Short Fiction Writing"—March 4, 12pm, Room 1809, New West Campus  
•"Introduction to Poetry Writing"—March 5, 10am Room B2030, David Lam Campus  
•"Launch of *Pearls*—Anthology of Douglas College student writers"—March 5, 7:30pm, Douglas Room, New West Campus  
•"Introduction to Poetry Writing"—March 6, 9:30am, Room 3343 New West Campus  
•"Poetry and Loss: Panel discussion and brunch with poets Patrick Friesen and Russell Thornton"—March 6, 11am-1pm, Douglas Room, New West Campus

### Emotional Intelligence & Critical Thinking

What is emotional intelligence? How does it fit into a critical thinking enterprise? Come and explore with Leonard Angel (Philosophy) the two ways in which we can work with this innovative and, possibly, fruitful connection  
March 10, 12-1pm, Room 1805 New West Campus

### Illumination

The Amelia Douglas Gallery presents works by Sibeal Foyle  
To April 2,  
For more information call

604.527.5495

## Theatre

### The Suicide

Vancouver's Boca del Lupo and Mexico's San Banquito Teatro present a comic play based on a controversial work by Soviet playwright Nikolai Erdman  
To March 6, Vancouver East Cultural Centre  
Tickets at Ticketmaster  
604.280.3311

### Jacques Brel (...Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris)

The Arts Club Theatre Company presents a musical by Eric Blau, Mort Shuman, and Jacques Brel, starring Lovenia B. Fox, Warren Kimmel, Karin Konoval, and Matt Palmer. Directed by Bill Millerd, with musical direction by Bruce Kellett  
To March 13, Granville Island Stage  
For more information call  
604.687.1644

### The Glass Menagerie

Liffy Productions presents Tennessee Williams's drama about a family in Depression-era St. Louis determined to break free of its burdens  
To March 13, Pacific Theatre  
For tickets and information call  
604.731.5518

### A Chorus Line

Ophidian Entertainment presents the classic musical that reveals a behind-the-scenes look at the rigorous audition process that dancers face as they hope to be hired as chorus members in a Broadway production  
To March 13, Waterfront Theatre  
Tickets at Festival Box Office,  
604.257.0366

### One Last Kiss

The Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company, Belfry Theatre, and Western Gold Theatre present Aaron Bushkowsky's new comedy-drama about a family struggling to cope with its golden years  
To March 20, Vancouver Playhouse  
For tickets and information call  
604.873.3311

## Galleries

### The October Continuum

Paintings by Jude Griebel  
To March 6, Elissa Cristall Gallery  
For more information call  
604.730.9611

### Vista Cruiser

Photos of Vancouver at night by Kevin Teneycke  
March 4-14, Spaces, 148 Alexander

### Black+White+

Works by Susan Howe, Kathy Neudorf, and Linda Steele  
To March 20, New Westminster Public Library  
For more information call  
604.527.4660

### Archetypes

Artwork with reference to architecture and interior design by Elspeth Pratt, Renee Van Halm, Kyoko Taniyama, Yuichi Higashionna, Callum Morton, and Sally Smart  
To March 21, Charles H. Scott Gallery  
For more information call  
604.844.3809

### Re-Reading the 80s: Feminisms as Process in Vancouver

Works by the Association for Noncommercial Culture: Lorna Brown, Margot Leigh Butler, Allyson Clay, Laiwan, Jin-me Yoon, and Worksite  
To March 21, Belkin Satellite  
For more information call

604.687.3174

### On the Road

Multimedia collection of works curated by the Stockholm-based collective United Net-Works  
To April 10, Access Artist Run Centre  
For more information call  
604.689.2907

## Concerts

### Liz Phair

Edgy pop singer-songwriter from Chicago ("Supernova"), with guests Rachael Yamagata and Patrick Park  
March 5, Commodore Ballroom  
Tickets at Ticketmaster,  
604.280.4444, or Zulu Records

### Fiddle Jamboree

The Central Fraser Valley Fiddlers Branch #4 presents its jamboree of old-time fiddling and folk music  
March 6, 1pm (registration at noon), ASA Hall, Abbotsford  
For more information call  
604.504.5464

### Pedro the Lion

Washington's favorite purveyor of emo returns to Vancouver with guests Ester Drang and P:ano  
March 6, Richard's on Richards  
For more information call  
604.687.6794

### Elvis Costello

British pop-rock veteran ("Alison") performs with Attractions keyboardist Steve Nieve  
March 7, Vogue Theatre  
Tickets at Ticketmaster,  
604.280.4444

### An Evening of Women in Song

Girlgig productions presents performances by roots and blues singer-songwriters Kat Danser, Rae Armour, and Alita Dupray  
March 7, Railway Club

Tickets \$10 at the door, for information call 604.681.1625

### Bob Log III

Fireball Productions presents this primal, slide-guitar playing, helmeted one-man-band from the States  
March 7, Brickyard  
Tickets \$10 at the door, for information call 604.685.3922



## This Week In History...

Amanda Aikman  
Culture Editor



March 4, 1966:

John Lennon is quoted in the London Newspaper The Evening Standard as saying "We're more popular than Jesus right now." Upon hearing this, Jesus's posse immediately got started on an image makeover and tour plans to get all the shorties back in the J Man's corner.

March 6, 1982:

Dick Clark donates the podium he stood behind on the original American Bandstand to the Smithsonian. Museum curators date-tested the podium's wood to have originated somewhere between 200 and 400 BC.

March 8, 1973:

Paul McCartney pleads guilty to charges of growing marijuana outside his Scottish countryside farm after claiming that a fan gave him the seeds and he didn't know what they would grow. Hmmm, perhaps he was anticipating a giant bean stock?



## Fresh Baked

Amanda Aikman  
Culture Editor

Check out these latest releases while they're still warm!

### Movie:

*Jersey Girl*

Release Date: March 26, 2004  
Oh God not again. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez return to the silver screen in this dramatic comedy from writer/director Kevin Smith. From the looks of it though, this won't be another Gigli disaster. For one thing, Jennifer Lopez only appears in the first 15 minutes, and besides...even a bad Kevin Smith movie is likely to be entertaining in spots. Just look at Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back.

### Book:

*Gutterboys: A Novel*, by Alvin Orloff

Release Date: March 2004

According to the publisher, this twisted tale of early 80s Lower Manhattan "portrays a carnal world of orgiastic delights that may never exist again." The shy 19-year-old Jeremy falls in love with Colin, a disturbed yet brilliant older hustler who rejects Jeremy as a lover but takes him on as a protégé. What follows is a look into the decadent world of 80s new-wave nightclubs in the days before AIDS and the war on drugs came along and crashed the party.

### Album:

*Guilt Show, The Get Up Kids*

Release Date: March 02, 2004

Kansas City's pioneers of emo return to their roots with this smart, catchy, and mature album. The boys are back in town and ready to rumble after shaking off On A Wire's meandering alt-country vibe along with its producer Scott Litt. Expect a bigger, messier sound—but don't wipe those tears from your beers just yet, the album closes with some slower experimental numbers like the densely layered "Dark Night of the Soul."



## Fanboy's Corner

Nick Hogg  
OP Game Guy V2.0

### Hellsing: The Complete Collection Box Set

This series is creepy dark, has large fire arms, vampires, tons of violence and gore, and a story that ties it together in one very entertaining, but messed up way. And unlike recent movies that have given vampires guns, this won't make anyone's head explode trying to comprehend the awfulness. Although, even with the huge amounts of violence and guns, this series turns out to be a bit of a mind fuck in classic anime fashion that harkens back to Neon Genesis Evangelion, and much like Eva, Hellsing even manages to work in Religion.

My only technical problem with this whole DVD box set is the fact that the sound for both the English and Japanese tracks where only 2.0 channel sound versus 5.1 channel sound. This is especially surprising since these discs are from Pioneer and they tend to be far ahead of their competitors in quality. Although I should point out that its soundtracks have got to be the nicest 2.0 channel ones I've ever heard.

As for the English voice acting I have to commend every actor for his or her excellent British accents and use of British slang. Except for Crispin Freeman who did a sub-par job in his role as Arucard. I mean, if the show is set in Britain and every-

one is British one person should not sound American for no good reason. As for the picture quality, this is where it becomes extremely apparent why you paid so much more for a Pioneer disc. The picture is mastered exquisitely. I doubt you could get it to look any cleaner or sharper than this, although with a slightly heftier price tag than a normal anime, this should be expected. As for extras, it varies from disc to disc with no overlapping content, which is nice to see. Most of the extras came in the form of concept-art weapon designs or character art, all of which were fairly impressive, which tends to be rare for the art included on DVDs. And just so no one feels bad, I'll mention that they do have clean open-and-close animations, because no anime DVD can legally be made without those requirements.

The basics of this story is that a war is going on between the Hellsing Organization and pretty much every Vampire that sets foot in Britain. The odd twist comes in with Arucard, an ancient and powerful vampire who serves the

Hellsing family. One thing I should point out is that the Vampires in this anime are not the ones you're probably use to seeing. They don't burn up in the



sunlight, they don't die from a stake in the heart, but they do tend to carry large guns and have some amazing mystic powers.

What makes the series interesting is two things—that the vampires are artificially made (which poses the odd question of why a human would make a vampire), and that there exists an ultra secret Vatican

organization called Section 13 that hunts down demons, vampires, and abominations. The fan part comes in the apparent hatred between the two organizations. Despite their each having the same goal, this harkens back to my religion comment earlier—Catholics and Protestants have never really gotten along too well. And while the first goal is eliminating vampires, item two on that list seems to be getting rid of the Protestant organization Hellsing along with its pet vampire Arucard. Those are the two basic plot elements here, but with only 13 episodes they've packed quite a bit of story into four DVDs. I'd love to discuss more of the finer plot points, but the story moves so fast it's hard to comment without giving stuff away. So I'll remain silent, but take my word that it's an intricate story with lots of blood and gore.

Basically if you like vampires, guns, blood, gore, religious-conflict parallels, stories that mess up your head, or any combination of the above—you should check out Hellsing. Even though it is pricier than most of the DVDs I usually review, it's still very much worth the price of admission.

## Krispy Kreme Comes to Kanada

Ted Morrison  
OP Contributor

American "donuts" establish colony in Delta.

Approximately 25 people had waited in line to be the first to enter when the mysterious new building at 72 and Scott Road opened its doors. Kevin Berger of Surrey was the first person in line.

"I have the time right now to do it; I am going to be here and be the first one" said the self-employed Berger. He told the Vancouver Sun's correspondent that he had eaten his first Krispy Kreme "donut" only ten days prior, but that the experience was "phenomenal."

It may be odd to wait all night for the opening of a doughnut joint, but Berger isn't even close to the current record: A man in Indiana once waited for 17 days. That's not a misprint: 17 days.

Founded by Vernon Rudolph in a North Carolina storefront in 1937, the Krispy Kreme chain has, in recent years, grown to mammoth proportions. While competitor Dunkin' Donuts boasts 3600 stores in the US alone, Krispy Kreme is truly international, with 319—sorry—320 stores in the US,



Canada, Mexico, the UK, and Australia.

The success of the company is even more startling when one considers that in 1990, after 53 years in business, there were still only 66 stores, none outside the US, and that in 2001, Krispy Kreme was still

unknown outside the States.

Canadians welcomed Krispy Kreme on December 11, 2001. When the first store outside the US opened in Mississauga Ontario, it set a one-day sales record for the chain. Until now, Vancouverites had to make clandestine pilgrimages to

Burlington, Washington, and smuggle their glazed cargo home lest it be "confiscated" by alert or hungry Canada Customs officials.

Now there's a place for those addicted to doughnuts to get their fix without having to flash a passport. The Delta store, with the

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chain's trademark sign: Hot Donuts Now, is at 72 and Scott Road. The sign is illuminated when Original Glazed doughnuts are being manufactured, and anyone entering the store while the sign is lit receives one of the fresh, hot pastries at no charge.

This is the only form of advertising Krispy Kreme employs. You'll never hear a radio ad, clip a coupon from your local paper, or see them sponsoring community hockey. Though the stores sell memorabilia (the Smithsonian Institution has several items in its collection), the name of the game is doughnuts.

The doughnuts concerned are made from a special yeast-raised dough which gives the pastries their "light and fluffy" texture. Founder Rudolph bought the secret formula from a French pastry chef, and legend has it that people near his store literally sniffed out the tasty treats. The process by which the doughnuts are extruded by forced air is also a secret. In fact, it's the sole part of the process no outsider is allowed to see. While a window ("Donut Theater"—you can see a clip at the Krispy Kreme website) in the store allows customers to watch the fluffy lumps being made, the actual extrusion remains hidden. All this, say Krispy Kreme reps, is in aid of "creating magic moments."

While many Vancouverites have been dreaming of this day, informal polls by local papers have found that many find the new chain's offerings "too sweet," and that the coffee isn't up to snuff. One couple in the queue for a hot doughnut this morning says they'll go to Tim Hortons for their coffee.

And what about Tim Hortons anyway? Well for a start, they don't consider themselves a doughnut place anymore (they used to be "Tim Horton's Doughnuts"). Spokespeople for the Dave Thomas Group, who own both "Timmy's" and the Wendy's chain claim that with 2200 US and Canadian stores the perennial Canadian favourite is in a different market entirely, and that its primary competition is McDonald's.

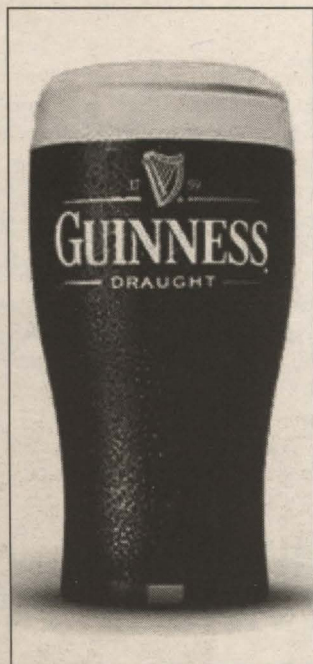
They expressed no regret, however, when it was discovered by a University of Guelph study that Krispy Kreme's donuts were 70 percent higher in fat than Timmy's. "It's intended to be an indulgence and I think like all indulgences has to be done in moderation," said Gerard Centioli, president of Kremeworks Canada, the parent company of the Delta store.

A more likely competitor has already entered the market: BC's own White Spot, apparently in order to stave off the competition, is serving a similar fluffy glazed doughnut of its own at various spots.

At 5:30am on February 24, the waiting ended, and Kevin Berger and the others in line swarmed into the new store. Whether Krispy Kreme's taste will suit the Canadian palate remains to be seen. But for Berger, the question has already been answered: "Phenomenal."

## Erin Go Bar!

Amanda Aikman  
Culture Editor



It's that time of year again folks. That special time when the beer is greener, the Charms are Luckier, and the drunken teary-eyed strains of "Danny Boy" fill the smoky air of pubs from coast to coast. Yes that's right, it's St. Patrick's Day. So let the big man in red have his cookies and milk in December, on March 17 it's Guinness and soda bread for me.

Now that you've shined up your shillelagh and secured your "Kiss Me I'm Irish" pin to your favourite green shirt, what's next? Well, why not check out one of the fine establishments listed below? But remember, only a bloody eejit would get flustered on jars of the black stuff (translation: only an idiot would get pissed on pints of Guinness) and try to drive, so make sure to leave enough coins in your pot o' gold to pay for a cab home. And if you want to avoid the shamrock shakes the next morning, it might not be a bad idea to have a bottle of Aspirin and some water on hand too.

Doolin's Irish Pub, 654 Nelson St. at

### Granville

Established in 2002, this friendly pub serves up authentic dishes like Irish stew and Dublin Coddle alongside the less traditional fare of spring rolls and Tandoori chicken skewers. They also claim to serve the perfect pint—that sounds like a challenge to me.

Morrissey Irish House, 1227 Granville St.

Drunken professionals, Shepherd's Pie, and a selection of imported beers that includes Kilkenny Irish Cream, Smithwick's Irish Ale, and the requisite "best pint of Guinness in town" await you at this trendy watering hole.

The Irish Heather, 217 Carrall St.

If you plan to visit this popular Gastown "gastropub" (European term meaning "a comfortable place for the stomach") you may want to consider camping out the night before. With the largest selection of Irish whisky and the best pint of Guinness in BC (where have I heard

that before?), it'll take a lot more than a four-leaf clover's luck to get you a spot here on March 17.

Blarney Stone, 216 Carrall St.

Perhaps your idea of the perfect St. Paddy's Day involves standing in line with a bunch of obnoxious young people for a really long time in hopes of eventually being overcharged for your hard-earned beverages. Well then, the Blarney Stone is the place for you my friend.

Those of you that are still standing can always give the following spots a go, rumour has it they're more fun than a lap dance from "his lordship" Michael Flatley.

- Wolf and Hound, 3617 West Broadway
- The Lennox Pub, 800 Granville St.
- Cheshire Cheese Inn, 123 Carrie Cates Crt.
- Dentry's Irish Grill, 4550 West 10th Ave.
- St. James's Well Pub, 248 Newport Village, Port Moody
- Dublin Docks Olde Irish Pub Inn, 720 Loughheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam

## The Cheapskate's Guide to Seattle

Amanda Aikman  
Culture Editor

Have you ever seen the television program where that annoying girl travels around the world on a budget of \$40 a day? Well, I have. Which got me to thinking, "What does she have that I don't have? I'm annoying, I'm a girl, I'm cheap—so where's my cushy cable-television deal?" Where indeed.

I decided there was no point in waiting for those elitists at the Food Network to come knocking at my door, so I packed up an overnight bag, four pairs of shoes, and a semi-willing travel companion and we headed south of the border down Seattle way. Our mission? A twenty-four hour tour to seek out the best food-and-beverage bargains in the Emerald City—or at least those within stumbling distance of our hotel.

### Day One

11:45am:

We arrive at The Moore, our affordable and historic hotel on 2nd Avenue. For \$67 a night we receive a double-occupancy room with one queen-sized bed and a private bath. There is also the cheaper "European Style" option, where you save \$20 by sharing a bathroom with other guests, but I draw the line in my cheapness at having to step over the wet towels of a stranger. Total cost: \$77.45

12:10pm:

After dropping off our belongings, oohing and ahing over the giant claw-foot tub in our private bathroom, and taking a gander at the city from our seventh (top) floor window, we decide it is time to get this party started. Our first stop? The Nitelite bar, a gem of a little dive right next to the hotel. Surprisingly, we are the first patrons of the day; I guess sitting in a dingy

watering hole on a beautiful Sunday afternoon doesn't appeal to everybody. It works for me though. We have three pints of pale ale, a pack of Marlboro Lights, and two rounds of electronic darts. Total cost: \$15

1:30pm:

With the edges of our road weariness sufficiently dulled by alcohol, we head out into the sunny Seattle streets towards the bustling tourist Mecca of Pike Place Market. Everywhere we look there is some kind of yummy food being scarfed down, and it all smells great. After deliberating between curried vegetables, oysters, and hot dogs, we decide to go for pizza slices and mini donuts. Total cost: \$6.75

2:15pm:

Now that we have had a little sustenance, it's time to visit the Copacabana for margaritas. With its sun-drenched second floor balcony, the Bolivian restaurant is definitely hot property on an unseasonably mild day like this one. We manage to get a table just before a line starts to form, but it turns out they don't serve margaritas. Rolling with the punches, we settle for Coronas and enjoy the view. Total cost: \$7.50

3:30pm:

It's back to the Nitelite for an electronic darts rematch and four more pints of pale ale. What can I say? The market is a good four blocks away from the hotel, and we had to break up the journey somehow. Total cost: \$14

5:30pm:

We are off to a Celtics/Supersonics game at the Key Arena. The tickets were paid for well in advance so the only cost here is for the ridiculously overpriced concession-stand items. Apparently it borders somewhere between a sin and a crime to not consume beer at a major sporting

event, so my companion—not wanting to go to Hell or jail—does the right thing and orders two Budweisers. The afternoon's pizza-and-doughnut combo is beginning to wear off at this point as well, so we split an order of nachos and cheese to round out the extravagant sporting/dining experience. Total cost: \$19.25

8:30pm:

The basketball game finally ends and we make our way to the dark, hip, and friendly Lava Lounge. This place is great! Tiki lanterns, Sinatra tunes, free cigarettes in a brandy snifter at the bar—if I lived in Seattle they'd be throwing me out of this place every night. We down three shots of tequila and three pints of beer before deciding it is time to go forage for food. Total cost: \$18

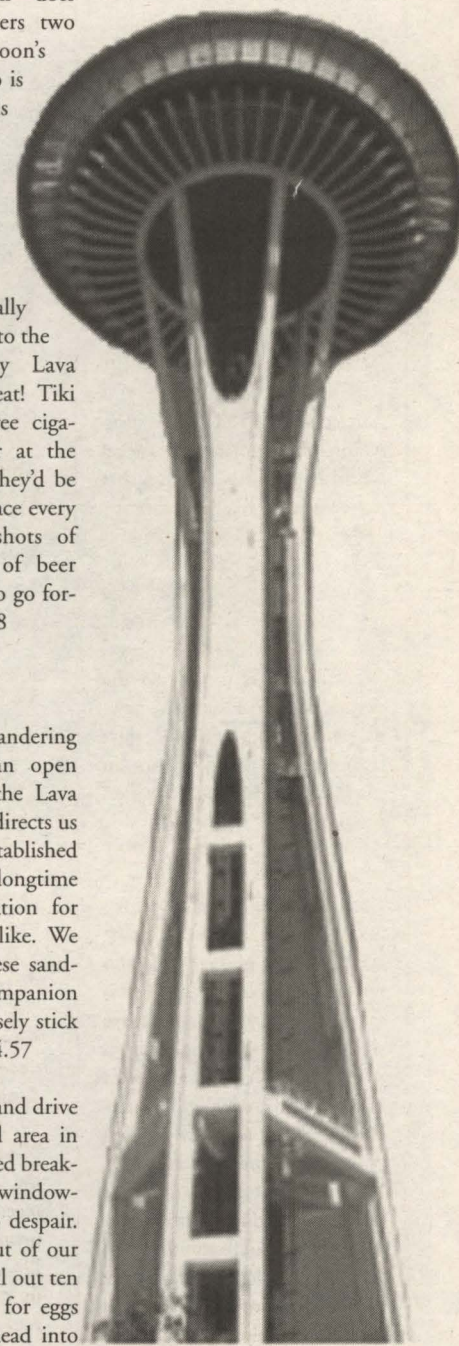
### Day Two

12:15am:

After forty minutes of wandering aimlessly in search of an open restaurant, we return to the Lava Lounge and the bartender directs us to the Five Points Cafe. Established in 1929, this bar/diner is a longtime popular late-night destination for both locals and tourists alike. We each order the grilled-cheese sandwich and fries and my companion opts for one last pint (I wisely stick with water). Total cost: \$14.57

10:30am:

We check out of our hotel and drive to the trendy Capitol Hill area in pursuit of a reasonably priced breakfast. After scanning several window-posted menus we begin to despair. Looks like everything is out of our league. Not wanting to shell out ten precious American dollars for eggs and toast, we eventually head into



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Broadway Bagels for an affordable and remarkably tasty snack. I have a flavour-intensive roasted red pepper, cheese, and pesto beauty, while my companion sticks with a hot little classic cream-cheese-and-sourdough number. We then head outside to one of the many espresso shacks that line the city streets and purchase two 8oz Americanos. Total cost: \$6.75

**1pm:**  
After a couple of hours in the shops (these purchases don't count towards our total because we put them on Visa, and everybody knows that's not like spending real money) we decide to leave the area to find someplace for lunch. We encounter a surplus of Mexican restaurants, ranging from the sketchy to the tacky to the costly, and the seed is officially planted. But being the experienced budget travelers we are, we don't get sucked in by the garish allure of the restaurants we pass. Rather, we head to the nearest 7-11 where we load up on nachos, drowned in free cheese, chili, and jalapenos. Just add two Big Gulps, and ole!...an instant fiesta. Total cost: \$7.27

**3pm:**  
Swearing to never consume 7-11 nachos ever again, we drag ourselves over to the Experience Music Project, fully prepared to sacrifice a ridiculous amount of money to the

admission and gift shop employees. Unfortunately it turns out this is the one day of the week that the famed rock museum is closed. Total cost: \$0

**5pm:**  
Tired, broke, and suffering the wrath of 7-11's so-called "cheese," we take one last photo of the Space Needle, tear the tags off our newly purchased clothing, and prepare to return to Our True North Strong and Free. Of course, it ain't over till the fat lady sings, and what better place to find a fat lady than at Krispy Kreme? We stop en route for a dozen classic glazed from the legendary doughnut pushers before our Seattle getaway is officially pronounced dead. Total cost: \$5.99

So there you have it—a two-person excursion to Seattle in style for a mere \$192.53, including accommodations and taxes. Just imagine how cheap it would be for all you nerds...er, I mean responsible people out there, who don't drink. Oh, and for my final and most important budget-travel tip—be sure to write an article about it when you get back and then submit your receipts to the Other Press accountant. Sure, it might look like she is laughing in your face, but I just know that reimbursement cheque will be arriving any day. Right Alyona?

## CelticFest

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Music, dancing, a parade, and beer tasting—what more could you ask for in a festival? The third annual CelticFest comes to town March 12, and this year it's all grown up and moving from Vancouver's west side to Granville Street downtown.

The six-day event highlights the culture, arts, and traditions of the Celtic community, with activities suitable for the whole family. Participating venues and outdoor stages along Granville Street will showcase Irish storytelling, Irish and Scottish step dances, Celtic fid-

dling, children's entertainment, music performances and workshops, and Scottish Highlands' Caber Toss sports demonstrations.

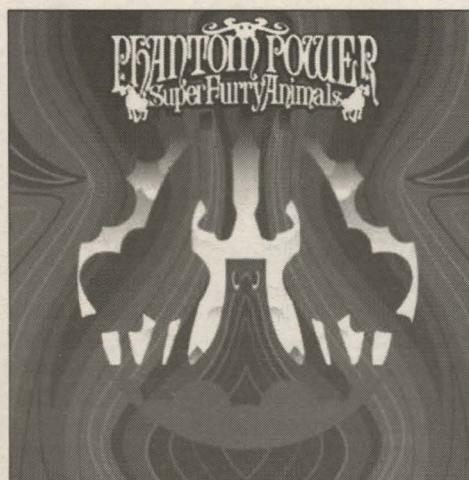
An amazing array of Celtic music will be presented all week long, with performances from the likes of Stomp, Town Pants, Halifax Wharf Rats, and Island Girls. And once you've had an earful of rousing music, why not take in an interactive poetry reading or a limerick slam?

The festival culminates in a Celtic showcase at the Commodore



Ballroom on March 17 featuring the legendary Irish Descendants, but the most anticipated event will likely be the St. Patrick's Day street parade on Saturday, March 13. The parade, which begins at 11am at the Granville Bridge, is the first of its kind in Vancouver. So dig out the green face paint and come be a part of BC history.

## Playful and Political Show Marks Super Furry Animals' Return to Vancouver



Jeff Dhillon  
OP Contributor

Following the release of their latest album, *Phantom Power*, the Super Furry Animals (SFA) have been touring and entertaining all over the world. Packed snugly between shows in Denver and Seattle, SFA performed at Richard's on Richards on February 27. The band played to a couple hundred enthusiastic fans in the dimly lit, and tightly packed club—the same club where this five-piece band from Wales played a spectacular show about two years ago.

The set started at 10:30 as they launched right into their new song *Slow Life*. SFA obviously decided to open with their well-documented playfulness. During the extended bridge, Gruff Rhys, the lead singer and guitarist, knelt behind a speaker and put on a giant-sized, red Mighty Morphin Power Rangers' helmet. He then finished the song with a microphone pressed to the right eyepiece of the helmet.

After a quick greeting to the crowd, the band broke into some of its rockier songs, like *Rings Around the World* and *The Golden Retriever*. SFA even paid thrash metal homage during *Receptacle for the Respectable* by headbanging their long shaggy hair and crossing the necks of their guitars like medieval "axes" during the final crashing licks of the song.

The band balanced their antics with some poignant political com-

mentary. They introduced *Juxtaposed for You* as a song about peace, emphasizing lyrics like "You've got to tolerate all those people that you hate/I'm not in love with you but I won't hold that against you." During the song *Out of Control* the big screen behind the group splashed green and black images of war. While spouting lines like "suck my oil" and "Holy wars, phantom power, and phantom lies every hour," footage made famous by Desert Storm silhouetted the frame of the band. Songs like *Run*, *Christian*, *Run* and *Bleed Forever* also added to the meaningful nature of the concert. But the most political points came during a filler between songs and during the last song of the night. The filler, over a techno background, played an almost recognizable voice clip proclaiming "All governments are liars and murderers," while flashing those words and the images of George Bush and Tony Blair on the oversized monitor. During the last song, *The Man Don't Give a Fuck (About Anybody Else)* they flashed images of older dictators like Hitler and Stalin. SFA are well known for relaying these types of messages and have ended almost every concert they've ever done with this song and set of images.

This otherwise great show was spoiled by what I can only describe

as a misunderstanding. Not to start debating whether or not encores are mandatory, but SFA really didn't give us one. While the last song played, the group walked off stage to strong applause and the song broke down into a techno dance number. This lasted at least ten minutes, after which the band came back wearing furs and fake long hair. It seemed to me to be the perfect setup for one of their classic songs "We are the Mountain People." But they came back and played the end of the song that they had started almost fifteen minutes ago. Once they finished the song, they were finished. They walked off stage to loud applause. Moments later the big screen displayed a hand writing "Thank you Vancouver, The End," in a very unexpected finish. I will not pretend to know why their encore was cut short. I can't imagine why they would want to put on new costumes only to play two minutes. They played a regular sort of encore the last time they were here. Perhaps there was some technical problem, or a tight schedule that demanded an abrupt finish.

Despite the ending though, SFA did put on a really good show for their fans. But it couldn't be a "great" show simply because there was no great finish.

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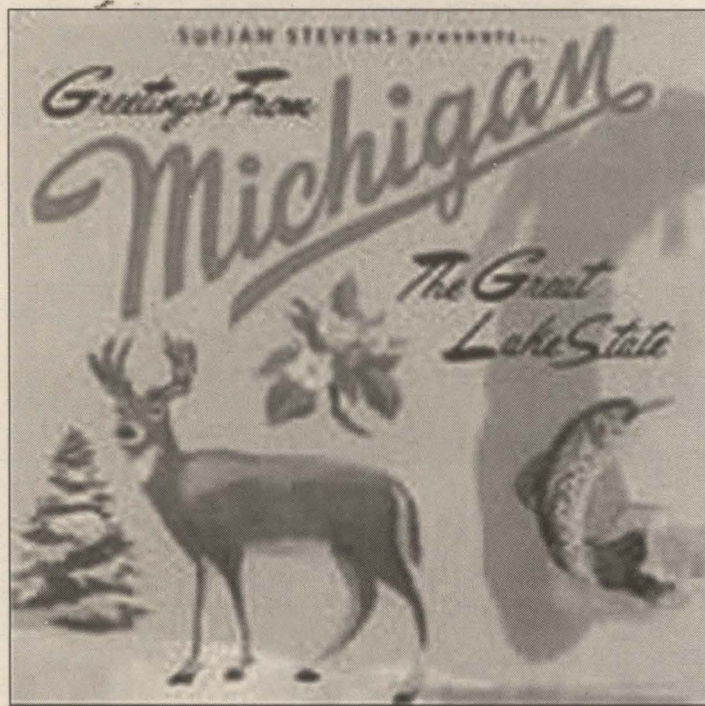
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# Sufjan Stevens, Greetings from Michigan: The Great Lake State

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Brooklyn-based singer/songwriter Sufjan Stevens' newest album *Greetings from Michigan: The Great Lake State*, is a road trip for your ears. Like the diverse landscape of the state, Michigan is a compilation of songs ranging from simple guitar and banjo ballads to wildly engaging multi-layered numbers. Stevens himself plays more than 20 instruments on the album, including oboe, glockenspiel, and sleigh bells.

The album features a map of Michigan, and Stevens points out all the towns, lakes and regions he refers to in the music. This helps the average North American unfamiliar with Michigan. The cover of the album looks like something that would be found among the LPs in my grandparents' rec. room.

Michigan opens with "Flint (for the Unemployed and Underpaid)," a morose song of elegant piano and mournful horns that focuses on the jobless aimlessly wandering around the former automobile building capitol. The beginning piano is simple. Each note hints that a melancholy but worthwhile tale is about to unfold. By the end of "Flint" Stevens has brought up the fear of dying alone, and hands that don't do anything right. He quickly gets us out of the gloom with a joyful, vivacious piece called "All Good Naysayers, Speak Up!" Layers of guitar, piano, horns, vibraphones, beats, and vocals bounce on and off each other. The arrangement is complex yet seems effortlessly crafted.

Stevens' breathy vocals are matchless. In "Holland," his boyhood town, he remembers "sleeping on Lake Michigan/factories and march-

ing bands" with a voice so fragile that you can feel the ambivalent emotions of a teen and yet the lyrics are too personal to know the story behind it.

Joined by the harmonies of Elin, Megan and Daniel Smith (members of the quirky Danielson Famile band), Stevens' vocals are exquisite. Michigan's upbeat songs are full of jazz-inspired pulsations layered with vibraphones and almost cheesy vocal bleeps and blips, creating a sound reminiscent of Stereolab or Tortoise. In "They Also Moura Who Do Not Wear Black (for the Homeless in Muskegon)," the Smith siblings add bits of harmony, amplifying the happy-go-lucky folk-pop sound reminding me of commercials from the 60s.

A master of lyrics, Stevens is not afraid to be introspective and confessional in his use of them. I think this is his biggest attraction as an artist. In "Romulus," which is the highlight of Michigan for me, he talks unfettered about his estranged mother: "she smoked in her room and coloured her hair/and I was ashamed of her." Living with his grandparents at the time, he recalls how he loathed and longed for her simultaneously: "I knew she didn't care/she came to Romulus for a day/her Chevrolet broke down/we prayed it'd never be fixed or found."

Besides using lyrics to disclose painful moments, Stevens proves he is an accomplished poet in his frequent depictions of Michigan's dead machinery and empty warehouses. Stevens' "The Upper Peninsula"

depicts the feelings of a dispirited local:

"I live in America/with a pair of Payless shoes/The Upper Peninsula/and the television news/I've seen my wife at the K-mart/In strange ideas we live apart."

In Michigan I was pleasantly surprised to hear the soft yet complex chimes, bells and xylophones in "Tahquamenon Falls" and "Alanson, Crooked River." Bringing to mind Bjork's *Vespertine*, Stevens lightens the mood and heightens the wonderment of the album by forming these beautifully delicate pieces and slotting them after an ultra-dismal song ("Holland") and a hymn verging on hopeless ("Sleeping bear, Sault Saint Marie").

Stevens' ambitious plan is to make an album for every one of America's 50 states, and Michigan is the beginning of the unusual endeavor. This seems fitting, because it is his home state. *Illinois* will be released late this year, and on March 16 Stevens releases *Seven Swans*, which is the extra recordings he couldn't fit on *Michigan*. The 50-state project should be worth watching because it's a great idea and the music he creates is always remarkable.

With its ingenious vocals, images, and variety, *Michigan* is an innovative and consistently gratifying listen. Every track on the album is a perfect little sample of the midwestern state. Upon visiting each of Stevens' songs, you'll find it's definitely worth the trip.

## ELECTIONS FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO COLLEGE BOARD AND EDUCATION COUNCIL

Elections will take place to elect the following student representatives:

### Douglas College Board

Two Student Representatives

### Education Council

Two representatives for students attending New Westminster Campus

The elections will be held on March 10 and 11, 2004. Polling stations will be available at both campuses. The polls will be open at New Westminster and Coquitlam from 9am to 4:30 pm on March 10. On March 11, polls will be open from 11am to 7pm.

### WHERE WILL STUDENTS VOTE?

Students who are taking courses at more than one campus must vote at the campus where they are taking more than 50 percent of their courses. Students who are registered in courses evenly split between campuses will vote at the New Westminster campus. Students' polling stations are determined by the registration in courses as shown on the Douglas College Student Information System.



## The Qayqayt First Nation

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Traditional land of the Qayqayt First Nation

The history of New Westminster is but an Xwel'tem, or non-Native, isthmus with a complex culture submerged beneath. The city was originally known as Skaia'metl, and was located along Glenbrook Creek, downriver from the former BC Penitentiary grounds.

For thousands of years, Native culture inhabited the Stó:lo or Fraser River, catching and preserving salmon, revering the land, and making vibrant art. They spoke Hun'qumy'i'num', or Downriver Halkomelem, a Salishan dialect. They depended on the river and land for their survival and livelihood. From May to July they would go to Qayqayt where they would catch and dry sockeye, in what was once the greatest rainforest in North America.

They were the largest group on the lower Stó:lo, and occupied or controlled more than half of the Halkomelem lands of the Mainland. Their settlements were largely on the north bank of the Stó:lo as the south shore was subject to flooding.

After confederation, three reservations were created for these people: the South Westminster Reserve, the Poplar Island Reserve, and the North Westminster Reserve. Then the land was taken away.

Now, they have returned to find a place in Canada's multiculturalism.

The South Westminster Reserve was located beneath the south base of the Pattullo Bridge that spans the Stó:lo River. This is also the site of Qayqayt.

Qayqayt, pronounced "Kee-Kite"—and alternately written as Qiqá:y't and Qiqeyt or, Kikait—means "resting place." It was a small fishing village on the south shore of the Stó:lo, known as hunting grounds and a place to find qwem-chó:ls, or cranberries, during the fall.

These people met Simon Fraser who was hoping to prove that the Stó:lo was the Columbia River. Unfortunately, the Stó:lo peoples were unable to establish peaceful relations with Fraser, and he barely escaped with his life.

Later, Chief Punnis of the Qayqayt village attempted to ambush the sailing ship Cadboro, which had entered the Stó:lo. Chief

Whattlekainum set out in a canoe laden with beaver skins, and traded with McMillan for knives.

At the founding of Fort Langley, the Stó:lo peoples resettled from the Qayqayt area to the fort to work in the fur trade. Whattlekainum decided that the fort could offer protection to his people from the constant warring parties of Kwakwaka (Kwakwaka), known locally as the Yukulta or Yuculta, who would stream up the Stó:lo to attack villages, kill the men, and abduct the women and children as slaves. The main Stó:lo tribe eventually became known as the Langley Band.

Ebenezer Brown, a liquor merchant in New Westminster, subdivided the Qayqayt village into lots and built a hotel and wharf. The area became known as Brownsville. Commissioner Sproat allocated

large boxes made of wood-slabs protected remains. Wrapped in blankets or mats, the dead were also placed in smaller boxes and lodged on elevated platforms.

The first Xwel'tem settlers encountered a large number of skeletons in burial boxes hanging in the trees. They "convinced" the Indians to take down and bury their dead.

During colonization, Poplar Island was used as a smallpox quarantine area, where there are a number of unmarked graves.

The Island was designated as a First Nations reserve. Then, the Poplar Island Reserve was expropriated.

Smallpox reduced the Qayqayt Band to less than 100 members. A smallpox epidemic killed numerous Natives and they were forced to

### *After confederation, three reservations were created: the South Westminster Reserve, the Poplar Island Reserve, and the North Westminster Reserve.*

104 acres for the South Westminster Reserve of the New Westminster Indian Band. Then, the South New Westminster reserve was expropriated by the government.

Eventually, The Fraser River Bridge was opened—the south base being on the old Qayqayt site. Then the orange Pattullo Bridge was built on top of the other bridge.

The Poplar Island Reserve, just downstream from New Westminster, is a wet, marshy forest of cottonwoods. Twenty-six years before Simon Fraser's visit, the Stó:lo were hit by a smallpox epidemic that had travelled up trade routes from Mexico. Two-thirds of the population died horribly.

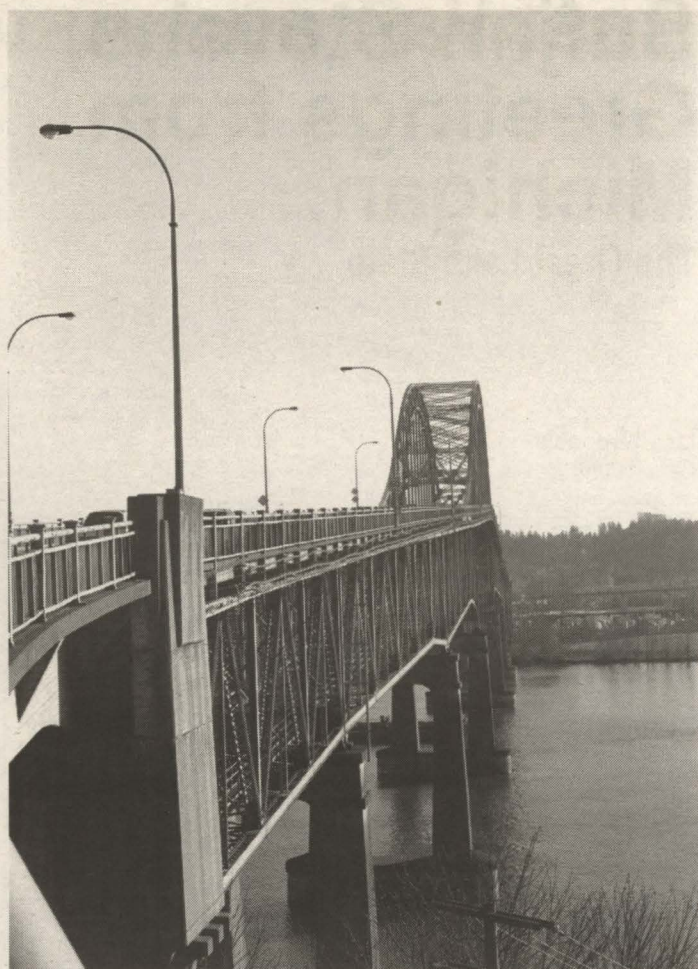
Traditionally, the Stó:lo peoples used the south shore as a burial ground above high water. Tree burial was common, and the most favoured site was the trees behind the Qayqayt village. On the ground,

bury their dead on Poplar Island because the city didn't want them buried in Xwel'tem cemeteries.

Chief Charlie, last of the Qayqayt chieftains, is buried in the cemetery at Royal Stó:lo Peoples Park, in Surrey.

During World War I, two ship-building plants were constructed but were both shut down. The provincial government owned the island until it was passed to the federal government. The island was then zoned for industrial use and sold to the City of New Westminster. Then, the island was sold to the Alaska Pine Company Limited, and later returned to the Federal Crown.

George Joseph, the second-to-last Qayqayt band member, passed away. Marie Joseph, George's daughter passed away. Then, Dorothy Isabelle, Marie's sister—the last member of the band—passed away.



Photos by Angela Blattmann

Poplar Island is currently considered the traditional burial grounds of the Qayqayt.

The North Westminster Reserve, 300 years back, was a camping ground called SkwetExken. The site is located near the current site of the Scott Paper Company, on the Fraser between city limits and Homer's Mill.

The new capital, New Westminster, was to be located on

Westminster Reserve by the Governor of BC, and Natives were shuffled onto the reservation.

Only Natives were hanged in New Westminster during the colonial period, and the Volunteer Rifle Company was formed against possible aboriginal retaliation. Arrests were made because of drinking, and claims were made that there were no Xwel'tem prostitutes, only Indigenous.

The federal government expropriated the New Westminster Band's reserve lands, and the band members were adopted into other bands or relocated. There was no compensation for the 163 acres of land granted by the government and then taken away.

The New Westminster Band is alive and well.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) was never officially notified of the last band member's death. Therefore, the Qayqayt First Nation continued to exist on paper.

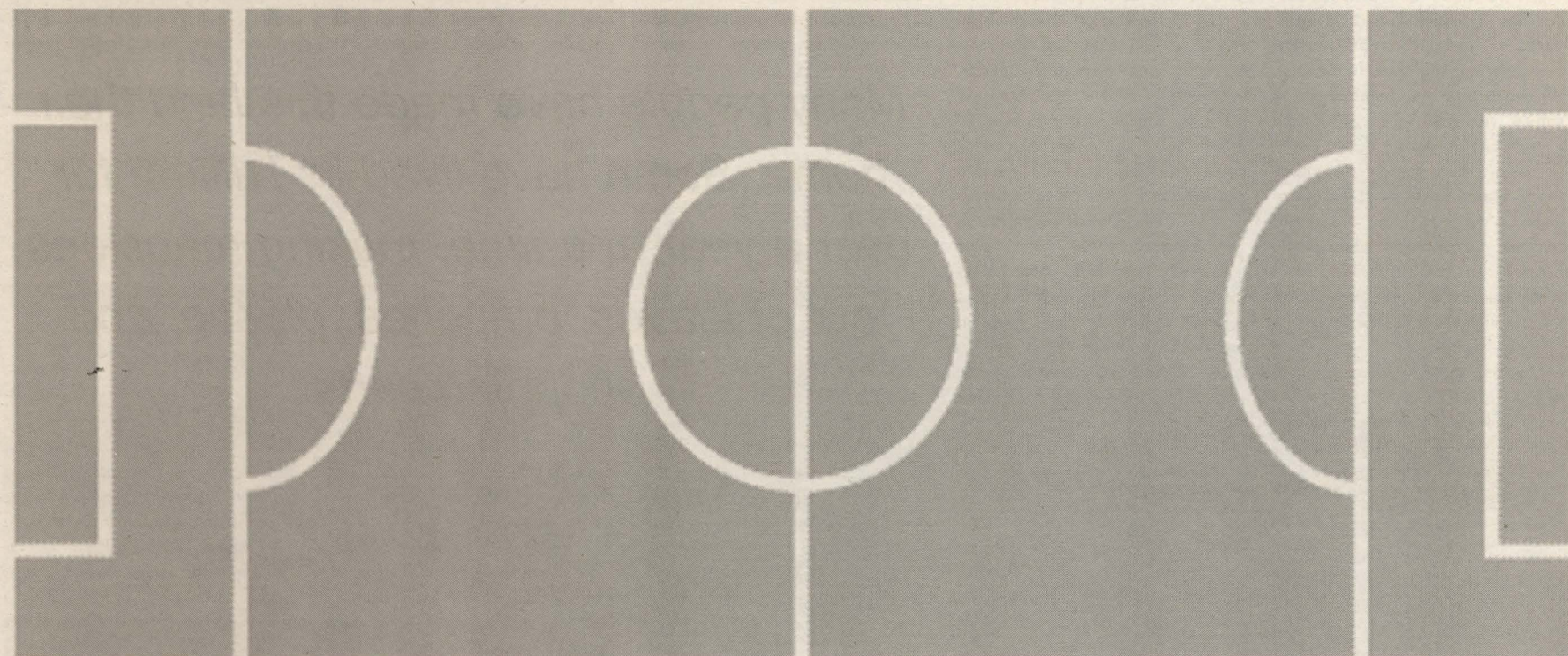
Rhonda Larrabee, who applied for Indian status under Bill C-31, was recognized as an official member of the New Westminster Band. She became Chief of the Qayqayt First Nation. Today, it has the distinction of being one of the smallest First Nations in Canada with only six Registered Indians, and the only First Nation in Canada without a land base.

Rhonda Larrabee's story has been documented by the NFB as *A Tribe of One*.

Recently, Qayqayt members were granted a permit to fish on the Fraser River in their traditional territory for food, and for social and ceremonial purposes. The following year, members hosted a traditional Pow-wow at the New Westminster Armoury.



# East Van and Astroturf



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Trillium is one of the last pieces of undeveloped public land on the east side of Vancouver. Since its purchase in 1993, it has been designated an ideal location for Artificial Turf playing fields. Once built, these fields will service a small user group of amateur sports teams coming primarily from the west side of Vancouver, and alienate many east Vancouverites from the community's remaining public space.

In Vancouver there is a readily apparent divide between East and West. In the west there are the skyscrapers, wide swept streets, little visible poverty, massive wilderness reserves, and many parks. Just east of the downtown is the poorest neighbourhood in Canada, the Downtown Eastside, where there are fewer parks, more convenient stores, and uglier bus stands. Vancouver's average amount of green space per person is 1.12 hectares to every 1000 people. In West Point Grey (a West End community) the average amount of green space is 3.27 hectares to every 1000 people. In contrast, the Grandview woodland area (the neighbourhood just east of Trillium) there is 0.84 hectares per 1000 people. As a whole, East Vancouver has less than half the green space per person than any other area of Vancouver or the Lower Mainland, according to the environmental youth alliance mapping project.

Although parks are often underappreciated, they still remain an essential component of a healthy society, and local communities can and want to plan their own parks directly. It is critical not to leave the planning of park space solely to elected officials who may or may not grasp an individual community's needs. As green space is diminished in Vancouver and around the world, we lose understanding of our relationship with the natural world and

how we affect that environment on a daily basis. Wendell Berry once said in an interview with John Fisher-Smith, published by the Orion Society:

I've argued over and over again that the fullest responsibility has to be exercised at home, where you have some chance to come to a competent and just understanding of what's involved, and where you have some chance of being really effective. Let's understand that a little more carefully. Another superstition of the modern era is that if you don't have it here, you can safely get it from somewhere else. A corollary superstition is that it's permissible to ruin one place for the benefit of another."

<[http://artsenvirolink.org/interviews\\_and\\_conversations/WendellBerry.html](http://artsenvirolink.org/interviews_and_conversations/WendellBerry.html)>.

Parks serve a wide variety of needs in any neighbourhood, those needs can only really be comprehended by local people, and it is local people who are the ones to decide how parks should be developed. Eastsiders understand that, because it is a common experience to see people sleeping and living in local parks. The parks in eastern Vancouver often serve a much different purpose than in the western areas.

In 1995, Andy Livingston Park, home to two of the three Artificial-turf playing fields in Vancouver, was built in the Downtown Eastside. The park is gated and the rent for playing is expensive—a minimum rental fee of \$28 per use. The Eastside has the highest concentration of sports fields in all of Vancouver and lowest amount of green space per capita, yet there is only one amateur sports league—the Downtown Slow-pitch League, which has eight teams of Native coded youth and adults. They have been given priority access to playing fields

in the East side and have no complaints about playing time.

Andy Livingston Park was built without taking into consideration the needs of the entire surrounding community, as the majority of users of Andy Livingston come from West side communities. Essentially it is a private sports club.

Trillium and the Works Yard (as the area is officially known), in the

Lower Mainland. Trillium is in an industrial neighbourhood where only one side of the park has residential developments, so the problem of lighting is less extreme. The site is large enough to support two artificial-turf fields, like those of Andy Livingston in the Downtown Eastside, and it is in a central location near major transportation systems and the Downtown. It is also in a neighbourhood where people do not have the power to lobby against the well-financed sports federations, who are always lurking behind the backs of

Parks Board staff and elected officials.

Trillium is in the middle of an industrial slough. The south end is tracks and grass; the old rail yard and the east are dominated by produce shipping warehouses. Trucks blast by constantly. To the north is Atlantic Avenue, a small street lined with old wooden houses. The ground is covered in railway stones and strips of directionless asphalt, but still many trees grow here, some planted by locals and some self-seeded. Often I can see people sitting between the trees. I get the feeling that this is their turf, so I stay out of most everyone's way. At the south end are piles of scrap and old piping. City engineers and the Parks Board consistently encroach upon the land with their waste. I was told by some folks from Strathcona Gardens, only blocks away, that in 2002, under the auspices of building a road to the new city works yard southeast of Trillium, the engineers cut down a row of 50-year-old poplars that bordered Trillium and stood as a visible line between wasteland and something land.

In 2002, The Vancouver Parks Board and the Vancouver School Board with active involvement of the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, conducted a study called the "Playing Field Renewal Plan," which concluded that the combined inventory of the existing Vancouver Parks Board and Vancouver School Board playing fields "barely meets the current use levels for amateur sports." Their solution is artificial-turf fields because one field can be played on as much as 25-30 grass fields. Six fields have already been approved, a \$6 million dollar endeavour. The 2002 study said very little about the difference in participation levels from west to east. For youth soccer teams it concluded that the Grandview Kensington area

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False Creek flats was bought from Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company on December 29th 1993. The deal was arranged by the Vancouver Parks Board staff and approved by city council. The community was not consulted, nor were elected Parks Board officials. The price tag was \$4.5 million dollars, which was originally allotted for development of community parks.

For ten years Trillium has sat awaiting its development. It is home to trees, weeds and homeless squat-

ters who reside inside Vancouver Parks Board refuse. The originally stated intent of the purchase of Trillium was to build Artificial Turf fields. In many ways Trillium is the perfect candidate for such a development. Sports fields require lighting for nighttime playing and lighted sports fields have been a huge issue with neighborhoods all over Vancouver and the Lower



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(Eastside neighbourhoods) had only six percent of youth participate in organized soccer. Less than ten percent for the entire Eastside, as compared to more than 20 percent youth participation level in the west. We can assume that the numbers are similar with adult sports. With such a contrast in participation levels, you would think that there would be more sports fields in the western areas of Vancouver, but this is not the case. Of all the locations short-listed for artificial-turf fields, both in the east and west, the Parks Board is determined to build the first of six fields at Trillium.

Not long ago, I met a man named Albert who is the un-official caretaker of Trillium. I saw Albert hauling loads of garbage and glass in wheelbarrows to the south end for the Parks Board to pick up. Albert has been watching over this land for 11 years now. He told me that many people have made this land their home. Some have lived in Trillium for over a year at a time, making mansions out of leaves, branches, plastic, and shopping carts. Eventually the Parks Board hauls the shelters away and the residence leave or come back to start again. Albert told me about a boat builder who used a wagon out of broken pallet boards to cart wood scrap from around the city to Trillium. He arranged each size and type of wood into piles and began to build what he called "an arch." He started building the frame of what looked to be a massive boat. Eventually it

tendency of communities to use land and open space without borders or signs or official support. On a map of Vancouver, Trillium is an empty lot on some of the most expensive square footage in Canada, but it still remains a place to escape the pressures of urban life. It is a green way and a home, and despite what the urban planners and Parks Board officials view it as, it is already being put to good community use.

In 1996, the Parks Board contracted the Apra Research Group to conduct a programming study in Strathcona to determine what to do with Trillium (contact the Vancouver Parks Board or visit <[www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks](http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks)> to find out more info). It took nearly three years to complete and cost \$50,000. One of the questions on the survey was "What things would you like to see included in the new park on the Trillium site?" Twenty-six percent of the respondents recommended benches and seating for socializing. Twenty-three percent said they wanted ponds/water feature. Twenty percent wanted garden plots. Less than ten percent made reference to sport facilities. In the conclusion of the report it was written "use the north end of the park for children, seniors, and the neighbourhood. Use the south end for playing fields and parking."

Trillium is 7.5 acres. Two sports fields would account for 85 percent of the park, leaving 15 percent to play area, passive

specifically for the community, would be hijacked for the near-exclusive use of others. Trillium is in danger of becoming one more example of wealthier parts of Vancouver

was a lot of talk about "Translucent" process. The Eastside with a Chinese population of 39.9 percent, and the only Chinese person present was the recorder. Sitting in the corner of the

November-January, and cost \$5,000. A huge contrast to the Strathcona survey which cost ten times as much and took two years to consult fewer than 16,000 people.

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running roughshod over the needs and desires of East Vancouver.

A few months ago, the Parks Board staff drafted up a new consultation process to determine where to locate the artificial turf fields, specifically targeting Trillium. When convenient, the Parks Board often considers all of Vancouver one community, therefore decisions that need to be made about specific neighbourhoods can be made by all 450,000 Vancouverites. On September 8, 2003, the Parks Board held a public meeting announcing the plan. The 2003-2005 Capital Plan includes an allocation of \$2.9 million for the development of two synthetic turf pitches. The Parks Board staff is currently proposing that 50 percent of the funds be allocated to the construction of one artificial field and

room, she was motionless, her features hard, recording every word, un-judging, un-biased, straightforward, translucent.

A barrage of sports advocates came to speak to the council nearly weeping that, "The children can't even play because there isn't enough room." "Here, Here," echoed from the back of the room. Jim Mackenzie, president of the Vancouver Field Sports Federation, claimed that women and children are not getting equal playing time because of the lack of fields, NOT because the male-dominated user group does not share the already existing fields. A man from the BC Volleyball Association claimed that "We were told that when we let them have Strathcona for the gardens, we would get Trillium." The Environmental Youth Alliance spoke to council stating that the process was not a proper consultation process because the information being fed to the public was biased, misleading, and in obvious support of an artificial turf development at Trillium.

The first member of council to speak was Suzanne Anton, a sports enthusiast and a resident of one of Vancouver's most wealthy neighbourhoods. "I want to start by saying, these fields are beautiful. Parents out there, I suggest you go see these fields...you'll simply be drooling over them. They are gorgeous." The next day Anton was in the Vancouver Sun, lying playfully on Astroturf practically having an orgasm over the bright green rubber.

The new city-wide consultation process is being conducted by the Parks Board staff, will consult 450,000 Vancouver residents over the course of three months,

This time, the Parks Board has been addressing some of the following components, which were first on the list of many: outline the benefits of field sports for individual participants and the community at large; outline the benefits of artificial-turf fields; present the rationales for increasing the supply of playing fields; and ask the participants where they would like to see these fields. The Parks Board will then take the information and make "recommendations" of where the fields should be placed.

Regardless of the response they may get, the Parks Board's objective is obvious: to undermine the explicit and documented wishes of a small community to satisfy the needs of other, more prosperous neighbourhoods and the demands of sports federations. The reality is that the Eastside of Vancouver needs, wants, and deserves the Trillium site to be left as parkland. The neighbourhood surrounding Trillium has been speaking to this for over ten years and has never swayed from the belief that artificial turf fields do not belong in a neighbourhood where few will utilize them, that these fields should be built in other neighbourhoods where people want and need them.

If you live in Vancouver, the Parks Board may be knocking at your door. My dad told me on the phone last night "If the law is not on your side, pound the facts. If the facts are not on your side, pound the law. If neither are on your side, pound the table." So when the Vancouver Parks Board comes knocking on your door asking about the Trillium site, pound the table and tell 'em where they can put their Astroturf.

*As green space is diminished in Vancouver and around the world, we lose understanding of our relationship with the natural world and how we affect that environment on a daily basis.*

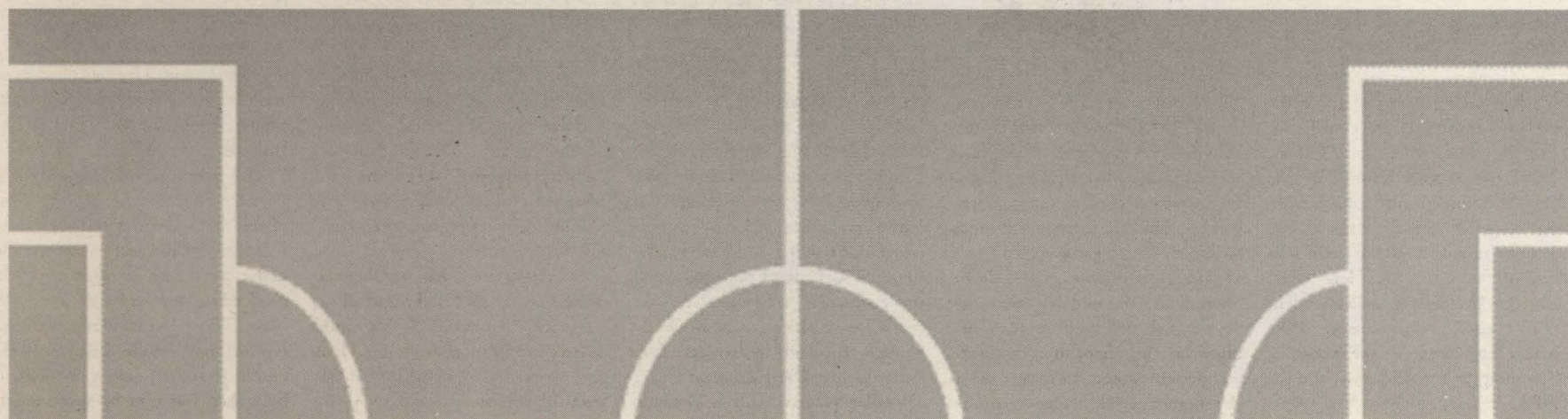
was ripped apart and hauled away. The Parks Board claimed it was a fire hazard.

I asked Albert what he wants done with land. He said, "It may be selfish, but I want the Parks Board to fight with the community for another twenty years so I can continue my work here." Albert represents the

grass, and roads and maintenance buildings. That 85 percent would apply to a specific group of people: amateur sports teams, the vast majority of which coming from the West End, the North Shore and as far away as Burnaby and other suburbs. Thus, a very key and centrally located Eastside resource, purchased

one gravel field (later to be transformed into turf) at Trillium.

I attended the meeting as a citizen. The perfume stunk up the room like a funeral for a very old person. All the heads were white. Everyone questioned my being there—it was obvious I reeked of purpose. It made me nervous. There





## Burnaby Lake Licks Losing Blues

Dave Pearcey  
OP Contributor

Premier Division:  
Douglas 5  
Burnaby Lake 10

It was a very disappointing outcome for the Premier women's team as they suffered the fifth loss in their last six league games. Despite maintaining possession for great lengths of time during the match, Douglas had trouble penetrating the Burnaby Lake's solid defense and was unable to produce points when in a position to do so.

The game started out ominously, as for the second straight game a Douglas player suffered an apparent serious injury. Scrummer Jodie Lush had to be carried off after only two minutes and was immediately taken to hospital with a lower leg injury.

Douglas played a strong possession game throughout the first half, but turnovers were their undoing as Burnaby capitalized for two into tries on the counterattack, giving them a 10-0 lead at the break. After giving up two scores, the Douglas ladies stepped up their defense; Burnaby rarely saw the Douglas side of the field in the second half. Tanya Leigh did very well in her first-ever game at fly-half, replacing the injured Jennifer Bailey.

The Blues adopted a different strategy in the latter stages of the game, with the forwards up the middle to draw in Burnaby defenders and creating more space outside. Leigh, Stacey Webber and Carly Albiston all found gaps in the coverage. Unfortunately, the support was missing, and many long runs ended up with Burnaby stealing possession.

Douglas finally got on the board on a try by Captain Corinne Jacobsen. The final 15 minutes saw Douglas hammering away deep inside Burnaby territory, but to no avail. The final play of the game saw Albiston in possession out wide with space down the sideline, but after deciding to cut back inside,

the ball was lost in contact and Burnaby kicked into touch to end the contest.

Douglas now must win their final two games (away to UBC and James Bay) in order to ensure themselves a chance at hosting the first round of the playoffs.

Second Division:  
Douglas 36  
UBC 12

What a difference a week makes!!! After a sloppy affair in the rain last week against SFU, Douglas were outstanding as they won going away against a UBC side bolstered by a number of Premier level players. UBC looked well organized from the start and opened the scoring with an early try. Douglas took some time to get up to speed, as there had been some line-up changes from last weeks encounter.

The Douglas forwards, led by Maggie Dobbs, ran well and often and began drawing more and more defenders inside. This created space for the ball to be spun wide to outside centre Laura Heer, who sped 40 metres to tie the score before halftime. Douglas started the second half with prop Stephanie Staller in the "sin-bin". UBC took advantage and scored a converted try to lead 12-5. Then the rout began!!!

The Douglas forwards began to win almost every ruck and maul. Their powerful inside running ate up the yards and drew more and more defenders into the fray. The backs then had so much room to run that the last 25 minutes became a track meet. First scrumhalf Rikkilee Jones broke through and scored on a 25 metre run. Heer outpaced two defenders and went for a 50 metre score. Lisa O'Neill, Dobbs and Heer (her third) all added tries on long runs through the beleaguered UBC defense. Meaghan Griffiths added three converts to round out the scoring. Douglas remains in second place and will finish the regular season with an away game against SFU.

## Sensational Sarah Leads Badminton Team to Nationals.

Brian McLennon  
OP Contributor

The badminton team recently returned from the BCCAA Provincial Championships in Kamloops; it was the first time the BCCAA badminton season had been compressed into one semester. Despite the shorten season, the Royals' performance was outstanding as they will be sending six athletes to the upcoming CCAA nationals in Nanaimo. Brad Davis the team's player-coach, added to his badminton hardware by winning gold in the Men's Singles. Silver medals were won by Adam Tuck and Randi Meyers for Mixed Doubles and also Oktavianus Theodorus and Robyn Shevchenko for Men's Doubles. The highlight of the weekend was the performance by Sarah Davis who won the Women's Singles title.

Sarah Davis is a third year General Studies student-athlete from Maple Ridge, who has already completed her first diploma in Hospitality

Management. Sister to Head Coach Brad Davis, Sarah stole the spotlight in last weekend's BCCAA Provincial Championships as she won gold in front of capacity crowd in Kamloops.

What made this victory so sweet was Sarah beat the favourite, Michelle Henkel of Malaspina. It was their third meeting. Sarah lost twice before to her nemesis Henkel. In the first meeting, Davis lost in straight sets. In the second meeting, she improved by taking a set but ultimately lost again. Determined to win, Davis trained very hard during the two week break to improve her game. "I trained very hard to win this match," she said. "Brad had me working extra time preparing me to win...he knew how important it was to me and even though he's my younger brother, he really is a great coach." Davis said proudly. "It felt so good to beat her," she continued as her blue eyes sparkled with accomplishment.

For her, it was the first time that she would stand alone and look

through the netting. Usually paired as the 'Dynamic Davis Duo,' the siblings decided that they would split their mixed doubles reign and try for solo careers. And like Destiny's Child's Beyoncé Knowles, Sarah flourished. Her year off from badminton allowed, her to find her form at the right time and now will be heading to the 2004 CCAA Badminton Nationals in Nanaimo, BC at Malaspina University College as the 2004 BCCAA Women's Singles Champion.

When asked about her expectations at the Nationals Sarah said, "It's my first time [to nationals] on my own and I know there are a lot of really good girls out there who will have the experience of being at there [Nationals] before. My self expectations are to enjoy the experience and be competitive."

I asked about her chances of playing Michelle [Henkel] again and she replied confidently saying, "Oh yeah, I'll see her again...and I will win again."

## Lion's Den Hosts Terrible Performances Women's Basketball

Flash Gordon  
Sports Editor



As the action began, there was a renewed rowdiness in the crowd. There was cheering and even heckling. Ok, it was only four games from the baseball team who had nothing better to do on a Friday night. "Rodd and Todd" Lunn had their sites set on the Crapilano Blues; by far my favourite team to bash. Who likes anyone from North Vancouver anyway? The Royals responded to the fan enthusiasm and played defense, a concept

that I've never seen put into action.

Early on, Jordana Miltimore, 2003 rookie of the year and arguably still one of the best all-round girl players in the league, couldn't get to the hoop or if she did, the Royals swallowed up the rebound.

Offensively neither team seemed in a hurry to get started until Capilano's guard hit a long range jump shot. Now on any given day, neither team has a long range game; not

that I've ever witnessed anyway. Both teams were guilty of jacking it up without any hope of a real scoring threat until the unassuming Rachel Andrews came off the bench for Douglas. She hit the first three pointer of the game and the first of six long range hoops for her on the night. It turned into a run-and-gun style game and it wasn't until the second half that Andrews missed finally. She also showed she could score inside. Her contributions allowed Douglas to climb to a lead of 34-22 at halftime.

Like a car speeding down the highway, the Royals were on the path to victory then the brother's Lunn pulled the emergency brake and swung

the team into a wipeout. Andrews sat for the first ten minutes of the second half which was the most ludicrous move I'd seen to date. Instead the Blues turned on full-court pressure and the Royals caved.

Turn over after turn over, it was like watching a game from last year. To add to the calamity, Jordana Miltimore decided to start scoring and walked through the defense countless times. Where did it all go wrong? I'm not sure anyone wants to say it but the conclusion is pretty obvious if you were in attendance. Andrews finished with 24 points and as mentioned before, 18 of those were from long bombs. Stellar game for this girl who is normally very quiet.

## A League Of Our Own

Ryan Jobb  
OP Contributor

The Memphis Grizzlies have one of the best young teams in the NBA and are set to make the playoffs for the first time in franchise history. No thanks to Stu Jackson, only one player (Stromile Swift) remains from our Grizzlies which left town close to three years ago. All the credit goes out to the teams GM Jerry West who has the club laced with talent (Pau Gasol, James Posey, Mike Miller etc) and on the verge of becoming a bonafied force in the NBA.



You would think Vancouver would feel a little jealous considering we had to brave six pathetic seasons of Grizz basketball only to have the team skip town before ever giving Vancouverites a taste of real NBA action. See there wasn't much to love about the game we witnessed at GM place from 1995-2001. Shareef had the odd big night, we always did well against the Lake Show but outside of that, the magical memories seem to escape me at the moment. All this being consid-

ered does anyone care? Does anyone wish the Grizz were still in town? I get the sense that people don't. I know I don't, and I'm a huge basketball fan. You are probably wondering how a so-called "huge fan" could deny professional basketball in his own backyard. Well, I never said professional basketball, I said the NBA.

Canada is the only developed nation that does not have its own professional basketball league. If Latvia has basketball I can't see why we couldn't swing it. Close to 200 hundred Canadians play basketball professionally throughout the world; those players alone would be enough to fill up the rosters of an entire league. There are great young Canadian players, such as Denham

Brown and Carl English, who may not even get a shot in the NBA. So instead of becoming stars here in Canada and motivating young Canadians to play the sport they will apply their trade overseas in obscurity.

Not only are basketball fans in this country neglected but so is the national program. It is extremely difficult to get coaches and players on the same page when they are spread out all over the globe. It is also tough to expect people to sacrifice for the national program if we can't even create a way for them to make a living playing basketball on home soil. Our national team would also receive far more attention if fans and media were actually familiar with the players.

Some may point to the Vancouver Nighthawks as an example of how non-NBA basketball would fare in our city. In 1988 the World Basketball League franchise folded midway through their inaugural season after the front office was unable to meet payroll. They also had poor attendance but listen to this, home games were held at BC Place. If you have ever witnessed how lame 12,000 fans at a Lions game is, then you could barely imagine the atmosphere that comes with 1000 fans watching basketball under the dome. Let's take in mind that was pre-Jordan, pre-Grizzlies and pre-Nash. Those factors along with the Raptors have made Canadians far more basketball savvy. Basketball back then was a niche sport and it

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was only a few years earlier that even NBA was on shaky ground. Magic and Bird eventually changed that.

There is some talk of an ABA team setting up shop in Vancouver and beginning play next December. In order to take advantage of the lower mainland Asian Market, the goal of team ownership is to stock the team

full of ballers from China. Not a bad idea, but how about a Canadian team in Canada full of Canadian athletes. That sounds revolutionary, plus isn't the ultimate goal to put the best team on the floor. Last time Canada played China we laid a Yoa Ming size beat down on them.

The ABA team would compete against other ABA cities

such as Long Beach and Reno. Oh, I can't wait to see Long Beach get what that got coming to them and Reno that sounds like a rivalry for the ages. I don't know anybody from these places. I want to see Calgary, Winnipeg and Victoria roll in to town, Basketball Night in Canada, that's what I'm talking about. We could bring back the

coveted Naismith Cup, but this time the players competing for the hardware would be good Canadian kids, fundamentally sound and willing to go into the corners. That's it! I have convinced myself, there is no way this league could fail. I'm just going to go ahead and start it up on my own, does anyone have a couple million I could borrow?

## I Miss Larry Bird



Simon Hatton  
OP Contributor

"The Celtics Suck!" This was the greeting I received from a faceless ambassador of Seattle as he passed by in a car, as I approached Key Arena on Sunday. I knew it was possible that I might evoke some kind of reaction there—after all I was wearing my pride on my sleeve in the form of a bright green satin Celtics jacket. But what had he hoped to achieve by telling me this? Was it that that his beautifully articulated argument would make me realize how wrong I was for being a Celtics fan and throw off my jacket in disgust right then and there? Perhaps he thought his friends might be impressed by his clever and fearless remarks made to humiliate me, fully knowing they would go unchallenged due to the fact that even the quickest

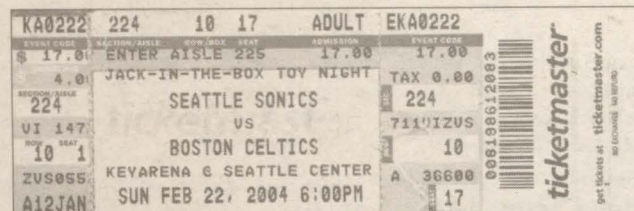
comeback to such a remark cannot keep up with a car speeding by in traffic. I suppose he might have just been trying to hurt my feelings, or perhaps he was just stating a fact that I was not obviously privy to until that moment.

Only moments after that statement had been uttered The

advantage of Boston's apathetic defense and general confusion by establishing a commanding lead from the get go. It was sure starting to look like my new insult-hurling American friend might be on to something. After all, in the last 13 games the Celtics have had only one victory, and have quickly played themselves out of the last playoff spot in the eastern division. Boston has had a very unimpressive season to date with a record of 23-35. That definitely is sucky behaviour.

the name. Long gone are the days of Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, and Robert Parish, who led a nearly unbeatable Celtics team to more NBA Championship victories than any team in history. That definitely does not suck. Yes, there was a day when a young pasty short-short-wearing Celtic from Indiana named Larry Bird was draining more last-second three-pointers than there are now professional athletes facing rape charges.

So now I must answer the question posed. Do the Celtics suck? I suppose at the present time, statistically, they are most certainly not one of the better teams in the league. In all fairness though, it must be said that every team in one incarnation or another has sucked at some point. So I will remain as I always have, a Boston Celtics fan. Perhaps next year a young Larry Bird reincarnate will come and bring the team back to their winning ways. If not, no big deal I will stick with them—besides, I have been told I look great in green.



Seattle Supersonics had started their complete humiliation of the Celtics in a 108-84 victory on Sunday night. Despite an as always stunning performance by the Celtics' Paul Pierce who led the team by scoring 34 points, the Supersonics quickly took

It is hard to believe this is the same team who have won 16 NBA Championships and have had 28 of their players inducted to the hall of fame. But wait, it's not. The only thing the Boston Celtics of yesteryear have in common with today's Celtics is

## Another Big Game in the Toilet

by Flash Gordon



Friday's game against Capilano for the men's basketball team was crucial to a berth into the provincial tournament. Douglas went into the weekend, sitting on the edge of elimination. Even with a win, the Royals' fate depended on the performance of UNBC in this last weekend of league play. It started ugly. Very low scoring to start. Capilano was charged with a rather retarded technical foul even before the tip off. The inside games for both teams were pretty ugly. I'd rather not go into details because there's no point. The Blues had more of a head for the game; the Royals played spastically at best. Final Score 92-80.

## Taylor Takes the Reins!

CSRW Media Release

Douglas College is pleased to announce the selection of Randy Taylor as the Head Coach for the Women's Soccer Program. Randy's experience with soccer covers 35 years of coaching and instructing athletes ranging from the Professional Vancouver 86ers to BC Soccer Youth Teams. He is currently coaching women's and youth teams in the Surrey Delta area as well as operating Randy Taylor Soccer Schools in the Fraser Valley for the past ten years. "I'm excited to be back at this level of elite sport" says Taylor who started recruiting a week before being hired on the chance he might be hired by Douglas College. That's the kind of enthusiasm, Athletic Director, Lou Rene Legge was looking for in a coach and she seems to have found it in Randy Taylor. A BC native, Randy currently resides in Delta, BC with his wife and three children all of whom are very supportive of the new demands on Randy's time.

## Women's Volleyball Clinch Provincial Berth

by Flash Gordon

The Lady Royals finished sixth in the BCCAA League play earning them a shot at competing for the provincial title. The tournament will be held in Abbotsford at the Columbia Bible College. Lynne Desautels, Kristy Alblas, Jennifer Gerwing, and Erica Jones were among the Douglas players listed on the statistic leader lists. Malaspina produced the most dominant team in the league finishing with an 180 record. Chances are good that the Mariners from Nanaimo will win it all. But don't forget on any given day, any team can be beaten. Go Royals!

## Flash's Weekly Five Fitness Tips

- Take the stairs instead of using the elevator (doesn't apply to people who can't walk)
- Go for a walk or jog during your lunch break.
- Consult a personal trainer for a customized workout
- Eating subway doesn't constitute an effort to get fit (Damn you Jared!)
- Bike to work (unless you live in Surrey and work in Vancouver—that's too hardcore)

## Bollocks

by Flash Gordon

Douglas is changing its mascot from a rampant royal lion to that of a shrew! The move came as a result of poor attendance at home games for Douglas' sports teams. It is hoped that the new mascot will generate a better response amongst students. When I asked a student how he felt about the change, the answer was, "Hey, that's great!" Then he stole my French fries.

## BCCAA Scoreboard

### BCCAA Men's Basketball

Feb. 27	Langara 73	Kwantlen 85
	Capilano 92	Douglas 80
	Malaspina 57	Okanagan 55
	Camosun 74	Fraser Valley 69
Feb. 28	Cariboo 96	UNBC 75
	Capilano 85	Kwantlen 75
	Langara 99	Douglas 109
	Malaspina 47	Fraser Valley 83
	Camosun 76	Okanagan 89

### BCCAA Men GP W L PF PA PTS ±

1	Cariboo	18	15	3	1620	1326	30	+294
2	Fraser Valley	18	14	4	1408	1278	28	+130
3	Camosun	18	12	6	1386	1323	24	+63
4	Capilano	18	11	7	1452	1364	22	+88
5	Kwantlen	18	9	9	1293	1347	18	-54
6	Douglas	18	8	10	1468	1472	16	-4
7	UNBC	18	8	10	1317	1395	16	-78
8	Langara	18	7	11	1387	1459	14	-72
9	Malaspina	18	4	14	1163	1375	8	-212
10	Okanagan	18	2	16	1417	1572	4	-155

### BCCAA Women's Basketball

Feb. 27	Langara 64	Kwantlen 42
	Capilano 61	Douglas 56
	Malaspina 51	Okanagan 95
	Camosun 31	Fraser Valley 80
Feb. 28	Cariboo 54	UNBC 41
	Capilano 54	Kwantlen 57
	Langara 69	Douglas 54
	Malaspina 48	Fraser Valley 77
	Camosun 38	Okanagan 67

BCCAA Women GP	W	L	PF	PA	PTS	±
1 Fraser Valley	18	18	0	1241	739	+502

2	Langara	18	13	5	1105	953	26	+152
3	Cariboo	18	13	5	967	806	26	+161
4	Okanagan	18	11	7	1181	1001	22	+180
5	Kwantlen	18	10	8	998	1005	20	-7
6	Capilano	18	9	9	1086	979	18	+107
7	UNBC	18	7	11	953	1048	14	-95
8	Malaspina	18	5	13	1079	1226	10	-147
9	Douglas	18	4	14	945	1177	8	-232
10	Camosun	18	0	18	727	1355	0	-628

Provincial Basketball Championship Website  
www.ouc.bc.ca/studentlife/athletics/provincials

### BCCAA Men's Volleyball Championships

Quarter-Finals (Feb. 26)	
MG 1 Camosun vs Malaspina	3-0 25-17, 25-22, 25-14
MG 2 CBC vs Cariboo	3-2 21-25, 25-23, 25-23, 23-25, 15-12
Semi-Finals (Feb. 27)	
MG 3 CBC vs COTR	3-1 19-25, 25-23, 25-21, 25-19
MG 4 Capilano vs Camosun	3-0 25-19, 25-15, 25-18

Finals (Feb. 28)	
MG 5 Bronze Medal Match	
COTR vs Camosun	3-0 25-19, 25-25, 25-17

MG 6 Gold Medal Match	
Capilano vs CBC	3-1 26-28, 25-18, 25-22, 25-16

Tournament All-Stars:  
Martin Reader (Camosun)  
Kris Brand (COTR)

Cory Hilditch (CBC)  
Dale Hoogendoorn (CBC)  
Sean Aiken (Capilano)  
Jon Wiskar (Capilano)  
Tournament MVP  
Mike Drew (Capilano)

### BCCAA Women's Volleyball Championships

Quarter-Finals (Feb. 26)	
WG 1 Cariboo vs Douglas	3-2 25-18, 21-25, 25-27, 25-18, 15-12
WG 2 Langara vs CBC	3-0 25-16, 25-20, 25-18

Semi-Finals (Feb. 27)	
WG 3 Capilano vs Langara	3-1 25-20, 28-26, 17-25, 25-9
WG 4 Malaspina vs Cariboo	3-0 25-15, 25-18, 25-21

Finals (Feb. 28)	
WG 5 Bronze Medal Match	
Cariboo vs Langara	3-1 18-25, 25-17, 25-20, 25-18

WG 6 Gold Medal Match	
Malaspina vs Capilano	3-1 25-23, 14-25, 25-12, 27-25

Tournament All-Stars:  
Jen Dickson (Capilano)  
Laura Wagner (Capilano)  
Lisa Strachan (Cariboo)  
Kathy Anderson (Malaspina)  
Janna Schmidt (Malaspina)  
Katie Mason (Malaspina)  
Tournament MVP  
Stephanie Bolin (Malaspina)



# Canucks' Corner

## Pull the trigger.



**CF Miley**  
OP Columnist

With the March 9 trade deadline looming large on the NHL horizon, the Canucks need to make their move, twice. Before the Canucks can address their on-ice needs, Orca Bay needs to sign Brian Burke. Burke is currently in the final year of his contract as Vancouver's General Manager, and his uncertain status came to the forefront this week during a CKNW radio interview.

Burke, never one to shy away from sharing his feelings on any given topic, was asked if he felt that his contract situation was hampering his ability to make trade decisions. Burke's answer was as candid as it was telling. "I am a lame duck (GM)," Burke said. He then proceeded to really drive the point home, repeating the term "lame duck" no fewer than four times in approximately ten seconds.

Burke is clearly referring to the fact that as GM, he is responsible for making critical decisions that will drastically affect the team's future. With a cloud of uncertainty hanging above his contract status, Burke may be at a disadvantage should he attempt to trade the draft picks and prospects that comprise Vancouver's future talent pool.

Orca Bay President, Stan McCammon, denies there is a rift between the team and Brian Burke. If there isn't a problem, then what's the problem? Sign him.

When Burke was hired in June 1998, the Canucks had missed the playoffs the two previous years. The

team was overpaid, underachieving, and losing millions of dollars. The Canucks are now a profitable business, and an exciting elite hockey team. Burke clearly deserves a new contract.

One reason that Orca Bay may be rethinking Burke's status is the fact that he's been known to be horribly

one day get to have the pleasure of pissing Burke off myself. Apparently, I'm the only local hockey writer without a Brian Burke story. I'm beginning to feel a little left out.

On the ice, the Sedins have been leading the team since Boxing Day. The twins have scored 24 goals and 34 assists since December 26, and have been a whopping plus-38. Over the same span, Markus Naslund and Todd Bertuzzi have had 20 goals, 28 assists, and have been minus-2 in the plus/minus category. It's still a wee bit early to declare the Sedins as NHL stars, but at only 23 years of age, the future is

momentum swing both ways, with the Wings getting goals from Henrik Zetterberg and Kris Draper, while the Canucks got a pair from Daniel Sedin. Whatever Marc Crawford said between periods worked, and the Canucks came out flying in the third. Detroit found themselves on their heels shift after shift as the Canucks continued to generate great scoring chances with a savage fore-check.

Vancouver was finally rewarded with the go ahead goal at the 13:02 mark of the third. Bertuzzi tipped a puck between his legs and onto the stick of a flying Henrik Sedin. Henrik then fired a pass up to his

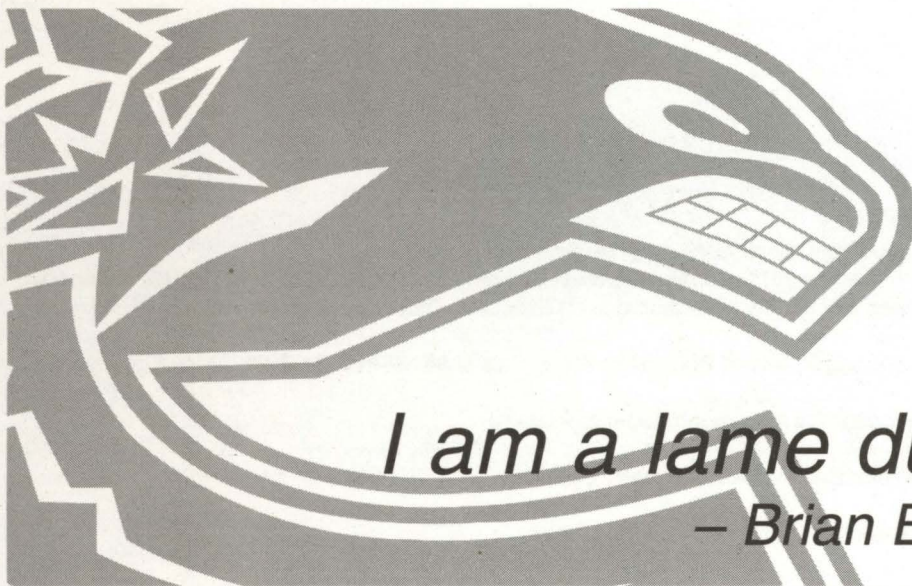
ever NHL hat-trick, and give the Canucks the lead. Considering the opponent and the magnitude of the game, it was the goal-of-the-year to date. Daniel added an empty netter, and scored all four goals in the 4-2 Vancouver win.

Buoyed by the victory, the Canucks welcomed the San Jose Sharks to the Garage two nights later. The Sharks have given Vancouver fits over the past three years, sporting an 8-2-0 record against Vancouver since October 2001. The Canucks welcomed back captain Markus Naslund after a three-game absence due to a concussion.

The Sharks looked to be in the driver's seat yet again, and were leading 2-1 with five minutes to play. Then, a Mattias Ohlund seeing-eye slap shot tied the game at two. The Sharks were penalized for too many men in the extra frame, and Brent Sopel capped a three-point night with the OT winner.

The Canucks next welcomed the St. Louis Blues for a Hockey Night In Canada showdown. The game was a tight-checking affair, with the Canucks winning 2-0 on goals by Artem Chubarov and Mattias Ohlund. Johan Hedberg stopped all 31 St. Louis shots—including a Pavol Demitra penalty shot with three seconds remaining—to record his second shutout of the year.

The lads look to be back on track, stringing together three victories over top Western Conference opponents this week. Things don't get any easier for the Canucks, as they'll be taking their show on the road for games in Colorado, Detroit, and Columbus. With just over a month remaining in the regular season, Vancouver has pulled to within a point of the Avs. Buckle up your chinstraps 'Nucks fans; this week should be a doozy. As always, go 'Nucks.



unprofessional in his dealings with the media. This week alone, Burke called local columnist Tony Gallagher "a maggot." He also went on Hockey Night In Canada and called veteran writer Al Strachan a liar, and "totally unprofessional." Regardless of the fact that Burke's ego is bigger than a Rueben Studdard/Star Jones sandwich, I pray that owner John McCaw will do the right thing and sign Burke to a long-term deal. I also pray that I

looking bright.

February 24 saw the Canucks hosting a perennial NHL juggernaut in the form of the Detroit Red Wings. With the division-leading Avalanche continuing to struggle, this game was both a measuring stick and a golden opportunity for the Canucks. Losers of five of six games going into the contest, Vancouver was looking to right the ship against the Wings.

The opening two periods saw the

brother Daniel in the offensive zone. What happened next was pure magic. Daniel took the pass and pushed it forward to himself, all while cutting in towards the goal. With one Red Wing draped over his back, and another diving to knock the puck off his stick, Daniel made an inside-out move, pulling the puck around the 6-foot-5 Jiri Fischer. As he fell forward, Daniel roofed the puck over a sprawling Manny Legace to record his first-

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email our offices to report any corrections. To ensure the integrity of our student newspaper, we reserve the right to revise, reclassify, edit, or refuse your ad.

### Services

It's that time again. Tax returns only \$25. Drop-off and pick-up at NW campus. Self-employed income may require additional charges. Call Millie 604.255.0255.

### Automobiles

1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee. V-8, 5.2 Litre. Automatic transmission. Red body, grey interior. Air cared. Bridgestone tires (2001). Trailer package. Ski rack. One owner. No accidents. \$5,200.00. 604.525.1707

'89 White Suzuki Sidekick JA Comes with a Soft Top, new clutch(1 month old), new differential(1 year old), all receipts plus new stereo(1 week old).

4X4 Good condition and lady driven. Call Carissa @ 604.786.1055

### Books

### Computers

Celeron 1.8G system (\$395) with stylish silver case, 256mb ram, 52x CD-ROM, 40GB hard drive, and floppy drive. P4 Celeron Upgrade (\$270) includes blue case, asus motherboard, 256MB RAM and Celeron 1.8GHz CPU. Please contact Andre @ 778.883.6805

### For Sale

Bed/Futon: Twin (single) bed, clean, includes box spring, \$50. Metal Frame, add \$25. Clean double futon and wood frame, converts to sofa, \$75. Call 604.939.1914

### Housing

ROOM FOR RENT

Furnished room near New West Campus. Clean, quiet, safe, \$295 include utilities, available now. Prefer quiet, non-smoking female student 604.540.1256.

### APARTMENT TO SHARE

\$400/month plus 1/2 Looking for a non-smoking, clean mature female to share a newly renovated 2-bedroom apartment with another female. Close to SkyTrain, bus routes, and Lougheed Mall.

Fireplace, high-speed internet, cable TV, dishwasher, laundry on premises; shared kitchen, living room and bathroom; pet negotiable; references required; available immediately Please call Tabatha @ 604.936.5687 or 604.807.9561

Female student seeks same as roommate. Lovely room for rent in apt. bldg. Room is furn. or unfurn. Near SkyTrain/bus/shops. Friendly

neighbourhood. Must like animals. \$380/month. 604.525.9881

### ROOM FOR RENT

One private, unfurnished room in a two bedroom basement suite in Coquitlam (close to Brunette and Schoolhouse). It's one block from the 153/156 and up the street from 159/169. Asking \$340/month rent(flat rate, all-inclusive). Close to stores, restaurants, etc. Call 604.529.1531

### I Saw You

### Wanted

The Other Press positions currently available:  
Distribution Manager  
Advertising Manager  
Send resume to: editor@otherpress.ca or drop off in room 1020 of the New West campus.



# Winter 2004 Elections

This is to notify all Douglas College students of the upcoming Students' Union Representative Committee elections being held for the following positions:

## EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

College Relations Coordinator  
External Relations Coordinator  
Internal Relations Coordinator  
Treasurer

## REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS

David Lam Campus Representative  
Member-at-large (3)

## CONSTITUENCY LIAISONS

Aboriginal Liaison  
Disabled Students' Liaison  
Pride Liaison  
Women's Liaison

## ELIGIBILITY:

Per Bylaw VI, Section 4

- a) All nominees for positions on the Representative Committee must be members of the Union.
- b) In order to seek election to the Representative Committee, members must be nominated by not less than ten (10) members of the Union.
- c) Members of the Union shall not hold or seek election to more than one (1) Executive Officer position on the Representative Committee at any one time.
- d) Nominees may not be contract or unionised employees of Douglas College. This shall not include Work-Study Employees nor Student Employees.
- e) Aboriginal Students' Liaison  
Only Aboriginal members shall be eligible to run for the Aboriginal Students' Liaison.
- f) Disabled Students' Liaison  
Only disabled members shall be eligible to run for the Disabled Students' Liaison.
- g) Pride Liaison  
Only members of the Pride Collective shall be eligible to run for the Pride Liaison.
- h) Women's Liaison  
All female members are eligible to run for this position.
- j) David Lam Campus Representative  
Only members taking at least fifty percent (50%) of their course load at the David Lam Campus shall be eligible to run for this position.
- k) Member at Large  
All members of the Union that fulfil eligibility requirement Bylaw VI, Section 4a, b, c, d may run for this position.

## TERM OF OFFICE:

Executive positions shall hold office from May 1, 2004 until April 30, 2005.  
All other positions shall hold office one (1) week after official election results are posted, or until April 30, 2005.

## NOMINATION FORMS:

Nomination forms shall include the NAME and STUDENT NUMBERS of the member nominated, along with the POSITION for which the member is nominated. Nominations shall OPEN at 12:00 noon on Monday, March 8 and CLOSE at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12. Nomination forms will be available from the Student Union offices at New Westminster and David Lam. Completed forms are to be sent to the Students' Union office at New Westminster, on the second floor of Students' Union Building. Nomination forms received after the deadline will NOT BE APPROVED.

## CAMPAIGNING:

Campaigning will commence Monday, March 15 at 12:00 noon once the Electoral Committee has approved nomination forms, and must cease at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26. Please read Electoral Committee Directives for details.

## ALL CANDIDATES FORUMS:

Wednesday, March 17		
New Westminster Campus	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	upper lounge, students' union building
Thursday, March 18		
David Lam Campus	12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Atrium

## POLLING DATES:

Polling will commence Monday, March 22 and end Friday, March 26.

## New Westminster Campus -- Concourse

Monday, March 22	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 23	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 24	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 25	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, March 26	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## David Lam Campus -- Atrium

Monday, March 22	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 23	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 24	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 25	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 26	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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